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Babiuk named new VP Research

Accomplished researcher has made contributions to commercialization and policy

By Richard Cairney

The University of Alberta has appointed a renowned researcher as its new vice president of research.

Dr. Lorne Babiuk, CEO and director of the University of Saskatchewan-based Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) will begin his duties as the U of A's vice-president research July 1.

Babiuk also holds the Canada Research Chair in Vaccinology and Biotechnology. He led the development of world's first genetically engineered vaccine for animals and has recently expanded the research to human health.

He specializes in immunology, molecular virology, vaccinology, and viral pathogenesis with an emphasis on bovine respiratory and enteric viral infections. His most recent work and research has involved novel vaccine development using genomics and delivery to induce immunity.

U of A President Indira Samarasekera referred to Babiuk as "one of Canada's outstanding leaders in research," citing his influence in helping to shape national research policy.

"Dr. Babiuk is committed to the advancement of science policy and research through his service to the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Genome Canada, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada," said Samarasekera. "He has made significant contributions to the commercialization of biological research, serving as an advisor and consultant for investors and companies worldwide on the control of infectious diseases and the

health and productivity of livestock."

Babiuk said he's delighted to be joining the U of A.

"I'm excited to not only have this opportunity to be part of such a successful university but also, hopefully, to be able to enhance the university and help move it to the top tiers internationally," he said.

Babiuk sees his role at the U of A as facilitator, ensuring the right conditions exist for professors and students to conduct advanced research.

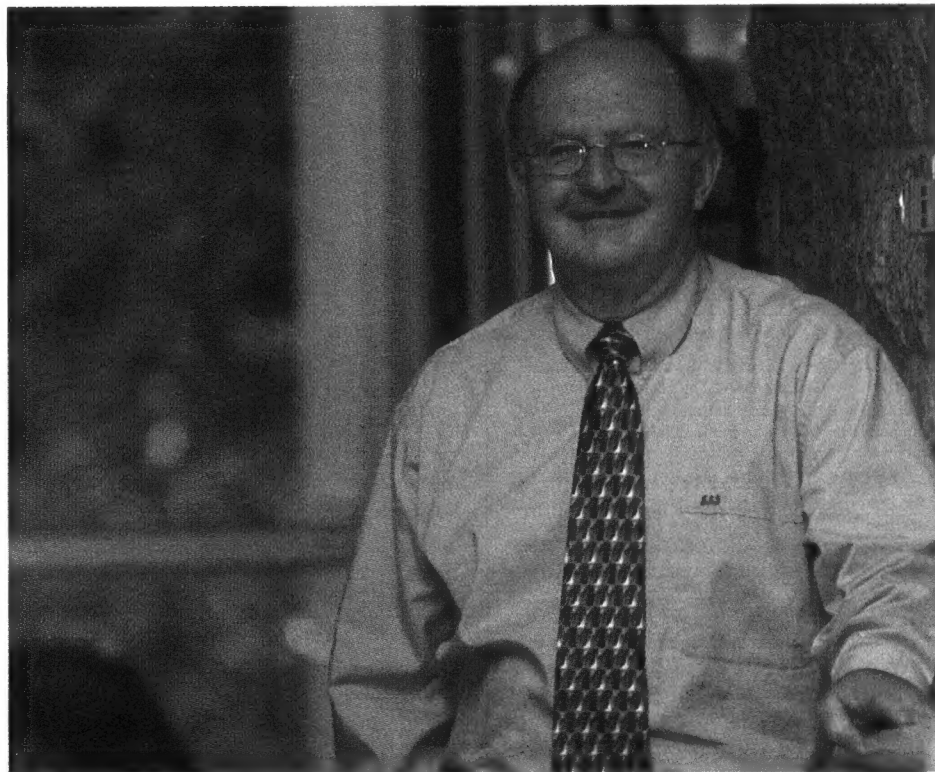
Teaching and research, he said, go hand in hand. Babiuk believes in the "teacher-scholar model" and that interdisciplinary research is "absolutely critical" to producing research breakthroughs.

"I personally got excited about science because of the instructors who were active researchers, who showed their enthusiasm and passion for the discipline they were teaching," he said. "Most of my best graduate students took a class from me then were excited about the things I was excited and passionate about."

"I believe that to be the best teacher you need to be current. And being a researcher is what makes you current."

Interdisciplinary research is at the heart of VIDO, and Babiuk hopes to help create more opportunities for interdisciplinary research at the U of A.

"I need to create or help create environments that allow the talented faculty and students at the U of A to reach their highest level of success," he said. "My role is to facilitate, to remove hurdles to their success... I need to help create venues for opportunities for interdisciplinary discussions to take place, to have these brilliant



Dr. Lorne Babiuk has been named the University of Alberta's new vice president (research). He assumes the post July 1. Babiuk holds the Canada Research Chair in Vaccinology and Biotechnology at the University of Saskatchewan, where he is CEO and director of the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization.

minds pursue these avenues of activity."

Samarasekera said she's confident Babiuk will help raise the university's research profile nationally and internationally.

"Dr. Babiuk will continue the momentum and solid foundation of research excellence and creative discovery to bring the University of Alberta to the next level, not only here in Edmonton but also on the world's stage," she said. "I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Babiuk to

the University of Alberta."

Dr. Gary Kachanoski, who was appointed as the U of A vice president (research) and as a professor Aug. 1, 2001, will leave the vice-president's office June 30. Following a leave, he will take up his academic faculty position as a professor in the Department of Renewable Resources, in the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics.



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Benefits change for academic staff

Highlights include addition of critical illness insurance, \$500 Sun Life account

By Caitlin Crawshaw

New benefits for University of Alberta academic staff have come into effect.

The changes include increasing the professional development fund from \$1,200 to \$1,400 annually, increasing vision coverage to \$350 every 24 months from \$250, and increasing coverage for dental services like crowns, bridges and dentures to 75 per cent from 50 per cent.

A few new benefits have also been added to the plan. Academic staff members now have a \$500 health spending account with Sun Life, to be used in co-ordination with other benefits, or to cover for health costs not covered by the benefits plan.

"We're combining a really solid base of health and dental benefits with some additional flexibility for staff members, where they might need some things more suited to their personal needs," said Diane Albrecht, director of staff programs and a member of Academic Benefits Management Committee. "Not everything for everybody can be funded 100 per cent through the base plan, but people can find ways to maximize their own personal situation by using the two in combination."

The committee includes members from the Association of Academic Staff: University of Alberta and university administration.

Another significant change is the addition of critical illness insurance, which will



Diane Albrecht (left) and Donna Herman, members of the Academic Benefits Management Committee, which recently announced a package of benefit enhancements for academic staff.

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be introduced later this year. The insurance will provide staff with a lump sum in the event they develop a critical illness, to off-set some of the costs associated with being ill.

"We'll be the first university, that I'm aware of, to have this coverage," said Albrecht, adding that a basic amount of insurance will be provided at no cost to staff, who may also have the option of paying for additional coverage for themselves or their spouses.

"We feel that it's a good fit for our population, because the average age for academic staff on campus is mid-to-late 40s," she added.

The plan has also been enhanced to allow for greater support of academic staff members who fall ill or must care for loved ones.

"We've put in a procedure which allows staff to take six months off to look after someone close to them, and

also a supplement, if the staff members themselves are ill and coming to work part time, where we can supplement their salary," said Donna Herman, ABCM co-chair and director of the Academic Staff Administration.

The enhancements are part of the university's recruitment and retention of staff, said Herman. "Staff that we're recruiting from out-of-country, that's really a wonderful perk for them, especially some from the U.S., to have this kind of a plan in place."

Changes to the plan were also chosen out of a desire to retain staff during different phases of their lives, said Herman. "We have supports that will see them through the tough times."

Albrecht added that the plan is geared towards supporting staff not only as employees, but as people with lives outside of their work environment.

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Breakfast roundtable illuminates key issues

President's meeting with academic staff a success

By Caitlin Crawshaw

When Dr. Indira Samarasekera became the president of the U of A, she spoke about the importance of staying in touch with the campus community. She hosted a series of town hall meetings on campus seeking opinions on *Dare to Discover*, her vision for the university.

And she's still staying in close contact with the campus, continuing to host her Breakfast Roundtable series. The most recent meeting brought together a group of academic staff who discussed university goals with the president.

The Jan. 12 meeting was attended by 14 faculty members from across campus, including human ecology professor Dr. Norah Keating.

"My overall comment was that I really appreciate the approach that the president is taking in trying to make personal connections with people at the university in all kinds of situations," said Keating. "Getting

an invitation to meet with her was unusual in my experience at the university, and a lovely opportunity to speak with her, face to face."

As the graduate student co-ordinator in the Department of Human Ecology, Keating was glad to have an opportunity to discuss some of the issues facing graduate students.

"An issue I'd been concerned about for some time is that part-time students are ineligible for a lot of awards," she said. "That can disadvantage a large segment of our graduate student population."

One of the topics of interest to participants was the workload academic staff face. Keating was happy to hear the president talk about increasing the number of support staff to help reduce the pressure on faculty members.

"When you have very few (support staff), they aren't able to take the load off of

faculty members," she said.

But Keating didn't come to the meeting with a particular agenda, she explains. "For me, it was about how the vision documents are being translated into action."

Dr. Renee Jackson, a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Education, attended the breakfast in order to meet the president in person, get a sense of the problems facing other departments and faculties, and to "get a view of the 'bigger picture' of the university."

"It is easy for our vision to become narrowed to our own particular faculty and area," she said.

Jackson found the experience to be a friendly one, with "a real sense that our comments questions and suggestions are valued."

The president will be hosting more Breakfast Roundtables in 2007. A schedule of upcoming meetings will be posted on the president's website (www.president.ualberta.ca). ■

Canada should do more for disabled children

Rights of disabled kids often trumped by convenience, says professor

By Mark Wells

There are still some Canadians being left out in the cold. Women are breaking through the glass ceiling, same-sex couples can marry, schools teach multiple languages and post-secondary institutions are redressing economic and racial discrimination with progressive admissions policies. By all appearances, most would agree Canada is well on its way to creating a fair and just society.

Yet, somehow the year 2006 – the United Nations year of the disabled person – slipped by without Canadians taking stock of how far we’ve come in recognizing the rights of disabled people.

University of Alberta educational psychology professor Dr. Dick Sobsey, a well-known advocate for people with disabilities, spoke on the subject to a crowd of about 160 at a Philosopher’s Café in the basement of the Stanley Milner Library, earlier this month.

Sobsey, also director of the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and the JP Das Developmental Disabilities Centre, outlined the recent case of Ashley, a young girl in the U.S. with multiple disabilities.

Sobsey believes the case underlines the fact that, in North America, the basic rights of some individuals are still clouded by notions of convenience, good intentions and parental “choice.” In other words, some people in our society are considered to have fewer inherent rights than others.

Ashley’s parents call her a “pillow angel” because when they set her down on a pillow, she’s incapable of going anywhere on her own. Born with a severe disability called static encephalopathy, her mental capacity is that of an infant. Ashley is, and will remain for the rest of her life, entirely dependent on her parents for feeding, hygiene, health care and any movement whatsoever. Faced with the prospect of providing infant-appropriate care to an adult-sized Ashley, her parents had their daughter’s breast tissue and uterus removed, and put her on a course of hormones to halt the onset of puberty – all with the blessing of medical professionals. The procedures, if they continue to work as advertised, will consign their “pillow angel” to eternal physical childhood, and, the parents argue, ensure that they will be able to continue caring for their daughter for the rest of their lives.

For Sobsey, the parents and doctors’ justification of the drastic medical procedure fails to address a key factor – their daughter’s basic human rights. And, he adds, the dearth of media discussion about those rights is a worrying indicator of our society’s position on such rights.

Part of what’s motivating Sobsey is the fact that such rights issues constitute more than an academic “thought experiment.”

“About 16 years ago, my son was born with severe developmental disabilities,” he explained. “We get up and have a bath in the morning, and then we shave... he doesn’t always want to shave, and so some mornings it is a rodeo.”

“Of course, we could have fixed this when he was very young by having him castrated. It may have made it much easier to care for him.”

Sobsey allows that “Ashley’s parents may have the very best intentions” for their daughter, but he points out that those intentions cannot be allowed to override Ashley’s individual human rights. The surgeries, “massively invasive” and without an obvious therapeutic benefit, or justification based on medical necessity, are a clear violation of her rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights



At a Philosopher’s Café earlier this month, Dr. Sobsey engaged his audience in a discussion about the rights of children with disabilities in Canada.

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of the Child, Sobsey says.

“In 1989, when the UN adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Canada was one of the first countries to sign on, and it’s one of the most adopted human rights treaties in history. Of 194 nations in the United Nations, 192 have signed on. The two that haven’t are Somalia and the United States,” Sobsey said.

“The United States has refused to sign on because it is uncomfortable with some of the provisions in the conventions. Canada has been very quick to sign on, then pretty much completely ignored its

obligations,” he added.

Speaking after the event, Sobsey says he’s not comfortable giving the province a letter grade for its performance in guaranteeing the rights of disabled people. “Have things changed since the 1960s when disabled children weren’t allowed to go to school? Yes. But we need a balance between patting ourselves on the back and looking at what we’re doing today.”

He points out that while the case of Ashley might seem foreign to some Canadians, the principles at stake – the idea of parents’ right to make decisions that affect their child’s welfare versus the child’s right to survive and “develop to the fullest” according to the convention – are not far off from those involved in the Saskatchewan case of Robert Latimer. Latimer, the parent of a daughter with cerebral palsy, was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 10 years in prison for taking his daughter’s life.

Latimer’s defense – he just wanted to protect her from painful surgeries related to her condition – swayed many Canadians. In fact, 60,000 signed a petition decrying his sentence as unjust. But from a rights perspective, his defense wasn’t sufficient. The Supreme Court ruled that because his daughter, Tracy, enjoyed equality rights protections under Section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, like any other able-bodied Canadian, the fact of her disability could not be considered as a mitigating factor in his crime.

While the Latimer case seems an

extraordinary exception, Sobsey says the troubling questions it raises about Canadian’s willingness to defend the rights of the disabled, and disabled children in particular, are played out in Canadian hospitals every day.

“There are now significant numbers of kids who have medical treatment withheld and consequently die, not because their lives aren’t sustainable, but because someone makes the decision better to let them die than live with a severe disability,” he said.

Such decisions are essentially sanctioned by society simply because it is deemed to be a private matter for parents and physicians to decide. The child’s rights, as outlined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Canadian Charter, aren’t a mandatory consideration.

“[Parents and doctors] are often convinced they’re doing the right thing... And wherever the line gets drawn, there are some cases that are hard, difficult cases. There are some kids who might not even have very severe disabilities that don’t get the medical treatment that they need to keep them alive, and there are probably other cases where kids are kept alive through extraordinary intervention that only keeps them alive a little bit longer, and some of the intervention is very intrusive. It’s not a simple [debate] to enter into,” Sobsey said.

But, he insists “when we look at some of the standards set by these treaties, it’s obvious we’re not even considering those standards as part of the discussion when we make decisions about these kids.” ■

Award fuels young leaders

Petro-Canada awards program supports U of A talent

By Michael Robb

A million-dollar gift from one of Canada's largest oil and gas companies will establish scholarships that will be among the University of Alberta's most prestigious awards.

The funding will be used to establish the *Petro-Canada Emerging Leaders Awards Program* at the U of A.

"We created this awards program in 2006 to help address Canada's growing skill shortage issue," said Petro-Canada President Ron Brenneman. "It aims to help post-secondary students primarily in areas of study related to our business: engineering, geology, geophysics, environmental earth sciences and business."

The award is given to students in their second year of study and, conditional on meeting annual requirements, will be given in subsequent years until graduation. This year, nine top U of A students will receive scholarships each worth from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

One of the recipients, civil and environmental engineering student Alma Ornés, says she's very appreciative of the support from Petro-Canada. Ornés, who grew up in Venezuela and has parents both working as engineers in the oil industry, hopes to pursue a career in environmental engineering, finding solutions for tomorrow's environmental challenges.

Petro-Canada also wants to develop ongoing relationships with award recipients and will work with the students to design the content of these relationships, which could involve co-op assignments, presentations, mentorships or other creative interactions.

U of A President Dr. Indira Samarasekera says these kinds of initiatives are a win-win for both Petro-Canada and the U of A. "Petro-Canada's support for our students enables the university to foster partnerships with business and industry to advance mutual goals for supporting talented people like Alma."

Qi Chen, a graduate of the China University of Petroleum now studying in the U of A's MBA in Natural Resources and Energy program, says the support she's receiving from Petro-Canada will allow her to focus entirely on her studies. "My

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dream position is to become a chief financial officer for a major petroleum company - although I have a long way to go yet."

The other seven inaugural recipients of the Petro-Canada Emerging Leaders Awards Program:

Haley Chau (Business) - Haley Chau is a second year student in the U of A School of Business currently majoring in business economics and law. She is considering applying to law school upon completing her current degree, where she will pursue a career in corporate law. In her spare time, she enjoys working out and spending time with friends and family.

Mitch Gamble (Engineering) - Mitch Gamble originally chose to study mechanical engineering because of the broad range of work opportunities available after graduation. Because of this, he's keeping an open mind about possible career paths that he may encounter while doing his co-op work terms, etc. "However, I am particularly interested in power generation and power plants, especially nuclear energy. The complexity of this field would require me to continue in post-graduate studies, but first I would like to spend some time working." He is also considering owning or managing a company in future.

Kyle Holland (Engineering) - Kyle Holland wants to pursue a career in the field of nano-engineered materials. He hopes to either start his own company or work for another company that is interest-



Alma Ornés is one of the inaugural recipients of the Petro-Canada Emerging Leaders Awards Program.

ed in developing stronger or more specialized materials to aid their operation.

Melanie Hong (Business) - Melanie Hong is in her first year of Business. She recently decided to major in accounting and hopes to become a chartered accountant. She is currently involved with the Frontier College Students for Literacy program, was recently inducted to the Golden Key Honour Society and enjoys reading and singing.

Nicole L'Heureux (Science) - Nicole L'Heureux is considering a career in the health sciences or natural sciences. She hopes to be able to work in a physiology lab because she thinks the research would be interesting. Outside of school she plays soccer, and enjoys outdoor activities such as biking and running.

Ho Pin-En (Richard) (Engineering) - Ho Pin-En is currently enrolled in chemical engineering. After this term, he will participate in an eight-month work term. "I am very excited about working with professional engineers and experiencing real engineering projects. I believe this experience will give me a better idea about the discipline itself and also my own career."

Maija Raudsepp (Science) - Maija Raudsepp is currently studying environmental earth science. "I love the patterns and relationships you can find in this field. To learn about everything from rock processes to biospheres to human activities and then connect these ideas together is interesting. To walk outside of the classroom and travel, well anywhere, and see these processes in action, is fantastic." ■

Student earns award for diabetes research

MD-PhD student receives prestigious AHFMR prize

By Ileiren Byles

Student research can be an exercise in frustration, but one University of Alberta MD-PhD student has earned a new set of honours and some financial backing from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR).

Shaheed Merani was awarded the *Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship*, given by the AHFMR to an outstanding student, from either the U of A, University of British Columbia or University of Calgary, who demonstrates excellent promise in human health research. The award will contribute an additional \$21,500 to Merani's study support.

"I'm really honoured," Merani said at an award ceremony on Jan. 12. "To be selected from such an amazing group of students and researchers is wonderful."

Working under the supervision of Dr. James Shapiro, one of the pioneers behind the Edmonton Protocol treatment for Type 1 diabetes, Merani's research focuses on the effect islet cell transplant surgery has on the immune system. More knowledge in this area could decrease dependence on anti-rejection drugs for patients who have undergone the surgery.

"We're using animal models of islet transplantation and looking at their pharmacological agents and looking at whether we can improve the function of islet trans-



AHFMR president and CEO Dr. Kevin Keogh, Shaheed Merani and Barbara McLeod.

plants," he said. "Of course, as always, the hope is that any discoveries here can be translated into clinical practice at some point in the future."

Merani is currently pursuing his MD-PhD in the Department of Surgery in the U of A Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. He has received numerous awards and scholarships during his academic career from Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the

Canadian Space Agency, McGill University and the U of A.

Merani has all of the necessary qualities to be a success in the field, said Shapiro.

"Shaheed is a really remarkable individual and I'm extremely fortunate to have someone of his calibre in my laboratory," said Shapiro. "He's a bright and enthusiastic student who never shirks when there's hard work around."

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Aside from the obvious skills and vision necessary to have a stellar career in research, Merani possesses patience and perseverance, said Shapiro.

"Research isn't at all easy," he said. "Every experiment you do doesn't translate into a paper. Probably nine of 10 ideas that you have won't pan out. He's really demonstrated dedication and it's his enthusiasm that keeps him going until he finds that one in 10 that does hit the mark."

The award is named in honour of the late Dr. Lionel McLeod, AHFMR's first president. McLeod was also the head of Endocrinology at the University of Alberta, president and Chief Executive Officer of the University Hospital in Vancouver, and the Dean of Medicine at the University of Calgary. ■

Researchers talk energy and environment with Dion

Federal Opposition leader visits campus.

By Richard Cairney

A group of senior University of Alberta researchers met with federal Opposition leader Stéphane Dion earlier this month to discuss energy and environmental issues. Dion held a closed-door, round-table discussion with the professors at Campus Saint-Jean, the U of A's French-language faculty, on Jan. 11. The issues of energy and climate change are heating up nationally, and Dion met with professors representing disciplines from business and biosciences to physics and nanotechnology, who offered advice on ways to develop interdisciplinary policies that combine energy, the economy and the environment.

During a public address following the meeting, Dion said he hopes to introduce environmental tax reforms that will change the way Canadians think and act, by offering tax incentives to corporations and individuals who operate in energy efficient ways.

Dion said he hoped to "make the link between your wallet and the planet."

School of Business professor Andrew Leach, one of the handful of U of A researchers who met with Dion, said tax incentives and penalties will change the way people and corporations behave. But he'd like to see a more direct connection formed in the minds of consumers between their daily activities and the environment.

If, for example, the government issued carbon bonds rather than simply offering consumers a tax refund for purchasing energy-efficient household appliances, Leach said, Canadians would understand the impact they have on the environment more

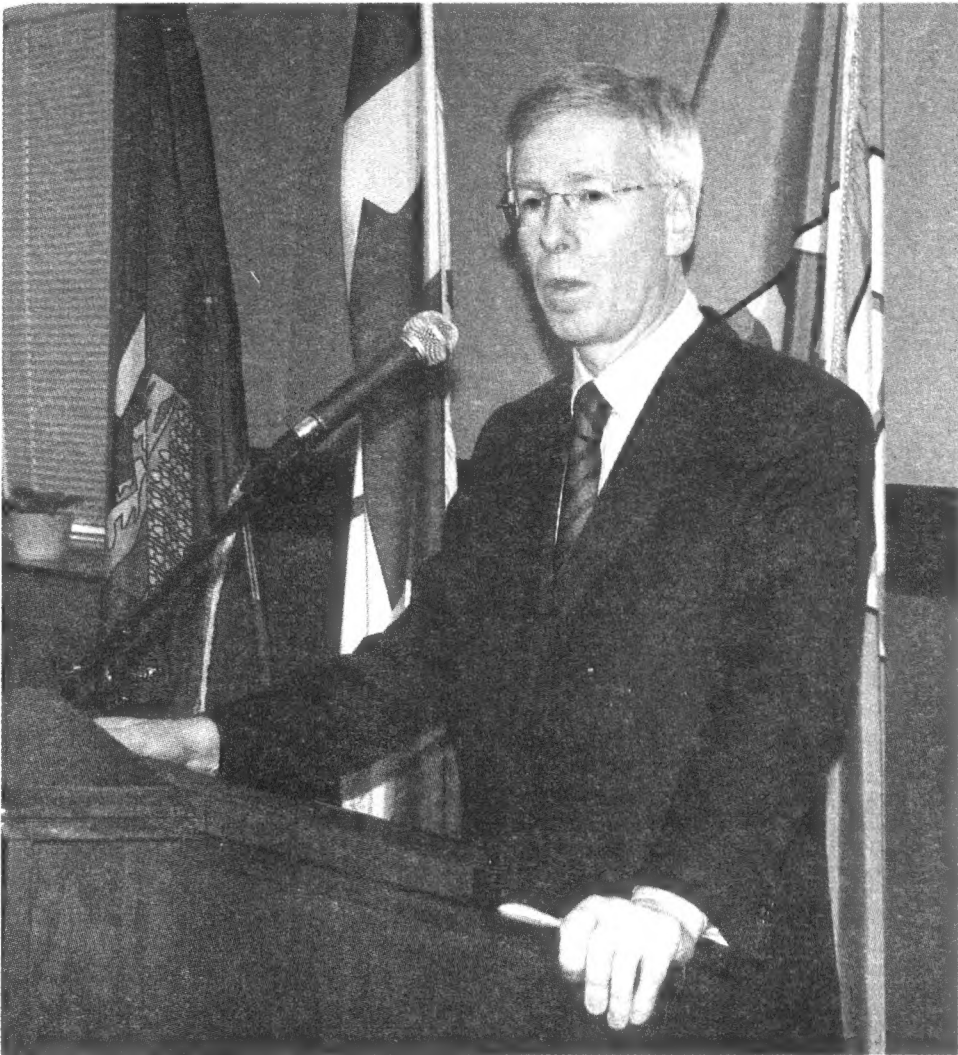
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— Joseph Doucet

clearly. And, he added, they could make money by selling the bond at a later date. Joseph Doucet, who heads up the U of A's newly formed School for Energy and Environment, said he appreciated the opportunity to speak to Dion.

"I was pleased with what he is saying about wanting to ensure the economy remains strong, vigorous and sustainable," Doucet said. "That is something we have to be continually preoccupied with here in Alberta. We have known a lot of booms and busts and we do have a wealth of resources and we do want to develop them, but we want to develop them in a sustainable manner both economically and environmentally."

"I also got the feeling he was really here to listen rather than to preach. He wasn't talking about what he was wanting to do ... he was very interested and engaged in what people wanted to talk to him about." ■



Richard Cairney

Stéphane Dion at the U of A Campus Saint-Jean. The Liberal leader met with a group of U of A energy and environment researchers.

Super investment in supercomputers will power up U of A research

\$88 million boost to supercomputer network

By Illeiren Byles

A massive investment in cutting-edge technology means University of Alberta researchers will be able to tackle the tough questions – weather forecasting, deciphering the human genome, getting to the fundamentals of what matter is made of and nanotechnology, to name a few.

A groundbreaking \$88 million federal investment in national high-performance computing (HPC) resources will improve researchers' ability to address some of the most complex and socially relevant research problems in the world today, said Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer, chair of the U of A Department of Computing Science.

"The thing I like to emphasize is that these large supercomputers are cost-effective, shared research laboratories," he said. "The same computer infrastructure could be modelling the last century worth of climate, and when that modelling is done, it could be looking at the beginnings of the universe the nanosecond before the big bang occurred. And when that's done, it could be used to try and find what causes Alzheimer's disease."

The U of A is a partner in WestGrid, one of Canada's seven major HPC consortia that together are creating a pan-Canadian network of HPC facilities. The National Platforms Fund (NPF), built on \$78 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and \$10 million from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), was announced in support of this unified HPC strategy. Matching funds from provincial and industry sources will bring total NPF funding to nearly \$180 million.

"Just one of the facilities at the University of Alberta will have 1,500 computers in it. Compared to that little desktop computer, this has 1,500 times the horsepower," said Schaeffer, a WestGrid co-principal investigator. "Across Canada



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Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer, chair of the U of A Department of Computing Science, said the donation will give U of A researchers access to powerful computing resources.

there's going to be about 75,000 computers, designed to work together so they can solve very complex problems quickly."

The investment marks the first time CFI has identified a specific research infrastructure of strategic priority for the country and brought together all stakeholders – universities, provincial and federal funding agencies – to collaborate on the development of a purposefully shared pan-Canadian resource. The U of A is one of more than 60 partners across Canada.

"This investment opens the door for the U of A researchers to have better access to powerful computing resources, allowing them to compete on a level playing field with the rest of the world," said Schaeffer, who compared successful research to winning the Indianapolis 500. "You need two

things to win that car race - you need a fast car and you need a smart driver. What's happened in the past is that Canadians have had very smart drivers – very good software, very good ideas, excellent research – but they've been outnumbered. Other places have had computing power that's far superior."

"I could run a problem and, on the computers I've had access to, maybe it takes a year to get a result. But if somebody in the United States could do the same problem and it takes them a week – well, they're going to beat me to the punch. And that's very sad. You can be better and smarter, but they've got the more powerful resource."

The extensive computer resources will be free for Canadian researchers, who can

"The thing I like to emphasize is that these large supercomputers are cost-effective, shared research laboratories. The same computer infrastructure could be modelling the last century worth of climate, and when that modelling is done, it could be looking at the beginnings of the universe the nanosecond before the big bang occurred."

— Dr. Jonathan Schaeffer

register their work and even apply for more resources at www.westgrid.ca. Even though Schaeffer's own work in artificial intelligence probably won't use the HPC infrastructure very much, he's excited to see how his colleagues across campus will utilize the new resource.

"Just as an example, there's a group here on campus called Project Cyber-Cell that's trying to simulate a cell, an e coli cell. This is a massively complex process, it needs supercomputing, it needs massive amounts of computing," said Schaeffer. "There are a number of groups in the world, including this one, that are trying to do precisely that. I'm hoping this group will use these new resources to accelerate their research and that it will give them a competitive edge." ■

Rick Mercer plays volleyball with the Pandas

CBC personality visits campus

By Geoff McMaster

He was looking for a comically awkward situation, one that would make him look like a fish out of water.

It's probably fair to say he found it – playing volleyball with the U of A's Pandas Volleyball team.

Rick Mercer of CBC TV's the *Rick Mercer Report*, joined the fourth-ranked team for a few practice drills earlier this month. It was part of an Edmonton-based segment that aired on his hit comedy show Jan. 16. He also donned a bunny suit in the NanoFab laboratory, where Dr. Michael Brett explained nanotechnology, and visited the Protective Clothing and Equipment Research Facility, where he cooked meat over a flaming mannequin.

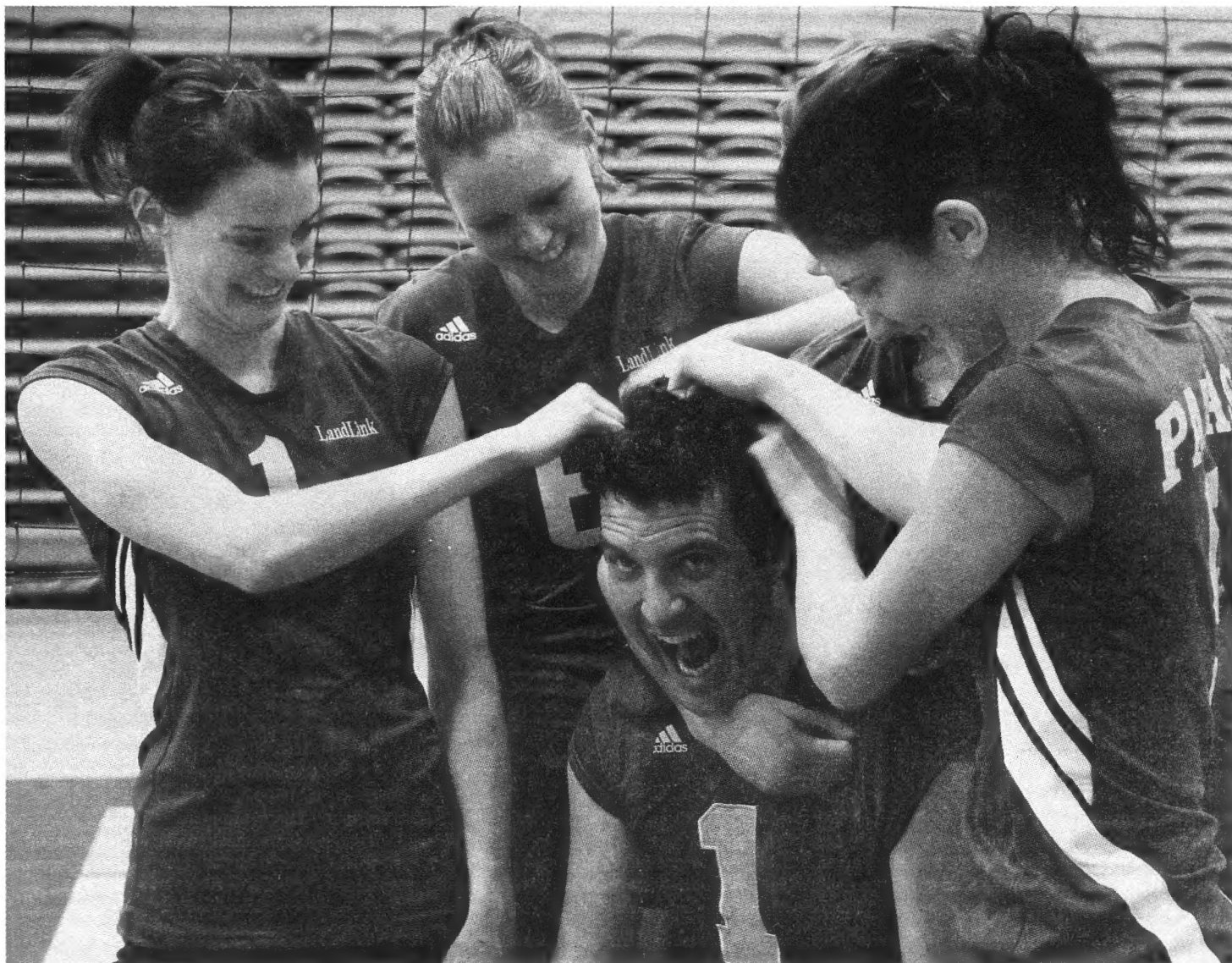
"Once I started looking into the school, there were a lot of things that were of interest, such as the nanotechnology lab," said Mercer. "But the women's volleyball team...had me written all over it, because I'm a naturally gifted athlete, don't you know."

"But they're brutal...that could hurt you very badly. But they're very nice and generous – they took it easy on me."

Pandas setter Tiffany Dodds instructed him on the fundamentals of the game and was impressed with his performance.

"For a first-timer, he did pretty well today," she said. "I was giving him some pointers on defense, and it was pretty funny. But it's great that he's here. It's great for the Pandas and the U of A."

To see a video on Mercer's visit, click on "multimedia and RSS" on the U of A home page and follow the links to *ExpressNews* video clips. ■



CBC's Rick Mercer shares a moment with the U of A Pandas volleyball team. Highlights of Mercer's U of A visit were broadcast Jan. 16.

University of Alberta scientists probe the eye of explosive space storms

Researchers to study satellite launch at Kennedy Space Center

By Julie Naylor

This February, NASA will launch the largest number of scientific satellites ever sent into orbit aboard a single rocket and a handful of Alberta scientists will be at Kennedy Space Center watching and waiting.

For Drs. Ian Mann and John Samson, researchers in the Department of Physics at the University of Alberta, the real fun will begin when the satellites start taking measurements in the eye of space storms above observatories spread across North America.

The satellites, all carrying identical suites of electric, magnetic and particle detectors, are part of the NASA 'Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions during Substorms' (THEMIS) mission. THEMIS is a collaborative effort of scientists from the U.S., Canada and Europe that will study processes occurring in near-Earth space and elsewhere in the universe.

"With an unprecedented flotilla of five research satellites flying in formation we will discover for the first time how energy release is triggered in extreme space weather events," said Mann, a THEMIS co-investigator and Canada Research Chair in Space Physics.

Given the vulnerability of satellites to fluxes of energetic particles, the results will help scientists better understand how to protect them during near-Earth space storms. A beautiful and fascinating side benefit of this project will be discovering why the most spectacular auroral displays look the way they do.

Auroras are powered by solar wind – a stream of charged particles expelled by the sun. This wind blows past the earth at about

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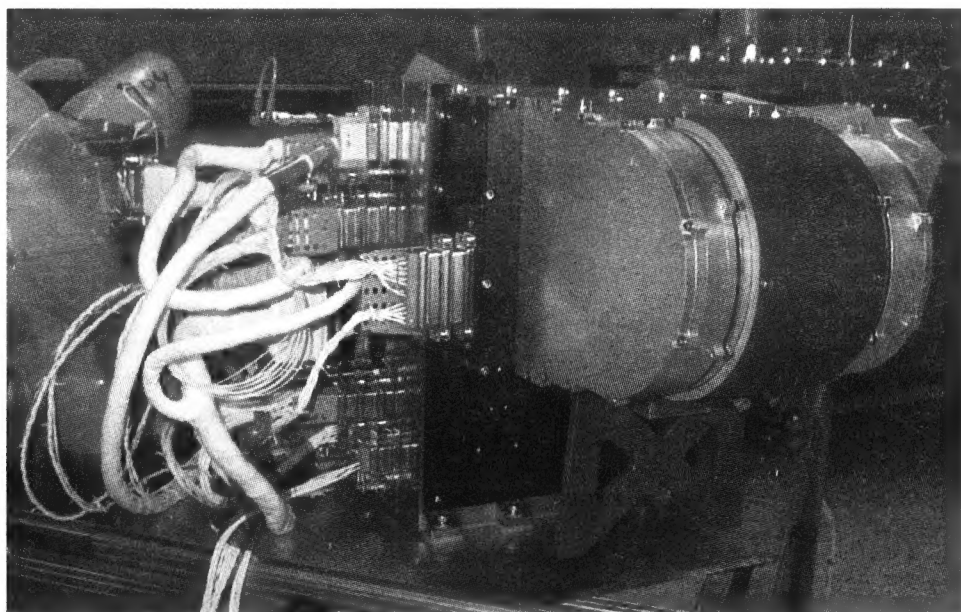
– Sylvia Peske

400-700 km per second and generates storms in the earth's magnetic environment. In the Polar regions, these explode into spectacular auroral displays.

"By studying these explosions in the natural laboratory of near-Earth space, we can also learn how energy is explosively released in magnetized astrophysical objects in the universe. This also has important implications for magnetic confinement in nuclear fusion power reactors" said Mann.

The THEMIS satellites will fly in carefully co-ordinated orbits and, every four days, will line up over Canada along the Earth's magnetic tail to track disturbances in near-Earth space in the magnetosphere.

Satellite data from the THEMIS mission will be compared to observations from ground stations across the Canadian Arctic. Since most of the readily accessible land under the northern-hemisphere auroral zone is in Canada, 16 of the 20 ground-based observatories will be set up in Canada, with



The electrostatic analyzer of the THEMIS instrument suite is shown with its cables attached. The red part is the aperture door. Once open, charged particles in space will enter here and may hit the detector inside.

the other four in Alaska. The observatories will host magnetometers which will monitor the magnetic signatures of explosions in near-Earth space known as substorms, as well as automated all-sky cameras.

Magnetometer data at some of the THEMIS ground-based observatory sites will be provided by the Canadian Array for Real-time Investigations of Magnetic Activity (CARISMA) magnetometer array. Dr. Mann is the principal investigator of CARISMA, operated by the U of A and funded by the Canadian Space Agency. A \$1.3-million expansion of the CARISMA array was recently funded by Canadian

Foundation for Innovation.

Data collected from the observatories and THEMIS satellites will be analyzed by teams of scientists at the U of A working with Mann and Samson. Data from the THEMIS mission will be made available over the Internet using the computing facilities at the U of A in a project led by Dr. Robert Rankin in the U of A Department of Physics.

In Canada, THEMIS partners include the U of A, University of Calgary and the Canadian Space Agency. The THEMIS Principal Investigator institute is the University of California (Berkeley). ■

Younger 'Net surfers more willing to take risks

Study shows Grade 7 students more likely to trust online friends

By Bev Betkowski

Younger teens are more at risk than their older counterparts when it comes to Internet predators.

Despite the fact that Grade 10 students are more likely than Grade 7 students to trust online buddies, the younger teens are still more vulnerable to online predators, a University of Alberta study shows.

Sylvia Peske, an educational psychology PhD candidate in the U of A Faculty of Education, surveyed 209 junior high and 88 senior high school students in Parkland County outside Edmonton for the study. She found that the even though Grade 10 students are more trusting online, Grade 7 students are typically just entering the beginning stages of identity development – figuring out who they are and what values they hold.

“Social relationships are key in reflecting the values and aspects of themselves that they either want to keep or discard,” Peske said.

Peske launched her study in 2006 to find out just how much youths know about Internet safety.

The younger students typically “maintain important beliefs about following rules. In terms of moral reasoning they still typically abide by right and wrong – there are no shades of grey.” That makes them more vulnerable, because developmentally they are not able to step back and take a third-party perspective, Peske said.

“As soon as they trust these people online, they become friends, and if they are friends, that implies they are worth trusting,” she said.

Having solid knowledge of Internet safety is more important for the Grade 7 students, as what they know about online dangers varies widely, Peske discovered. By Grade 10, the level of knowledge was fairly equivalent among the students.

The Grade 7 group indicated in the survey that they would be more willing to meet someone in person with fewer preliminary online conversations than Grade 10 students.

And while less than one per cent said they would meet someone in person right away, it is still cause for parental concern, Peske said. “It’s an indication there might be an inherent risk factor.”



PhD candidate Sylvia Peske studied junior and senior high school students to determine which group knew more about Internet safety. She found that Grade 7 students, who are typically just starting to figure themselves out, are more trusting.

A little less than four per cent said they would meet someone after just a few online conversations. “Younger adolescent willingness to consider early offline meetings would render them more malleable for predators,” she said

One-third of the students surveyed in the study said at least 11 conversations would have to happen before they would meet anyone in person, but that isn’t a safeguard, Peske noted.

“Teens are always at risk because typically, predators work slowly over time to groom their victims,” she said.

The study also revealed that male students were more likely to disclose personal information about themselves, likely because females are more often named in media as the typical victims of online predators. “This may offer males a sense of feeling safer,” she said.

Peske recommends that besides keeping the family computer in an open area and monitoring children’s online use, more peer-to-peer education is important. “Peer influences become stronger in adolescence,” Peske said.

Victims of online predators need to come forward to talk to their peers, or perhaps peer committees could be formed in schools to help promote safety, she added.

Discussions about Internet safety should also happen early and be ongoing. Parents should incorporate their children’s online experiences as examples for safety discussion, Peske suggested.

“For instance, discuss safety when having conversations with your child about a game room he’s visiting. We can’t give them hypothetical situations and expect they’ll learn from them. Their emotional develop-

“As soon as they trust these people online, they become friends, and if they are friends, that implies they are worth trusting.”

– Sylvia Peske

ment is in the moment and that’s where risk-taking behaviour happens.”

The computer can be a great resource for teens, Peske noted, but “parents need to stay involved in this aspect of their children’s lives, just as they are with other aspects.”

Peske’s work was funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. ■

More information needed on anti-obesity drugs, say researchers

Study raises questions about benefits, risks

By Ilean Byles

Potential long-term effects of some anti-obesity drugs are weighing on the minds of two University of Alberta researchers.

Not enough is known about long-term consequences of expensive drugs that help obese people lose weight, say Drs. Raj Padwal and Sumit Majumdar, U of A professors in general internal medicine.

“People who are considering taking any of these medications should be cautious, be cautiously informed,” said Padwal.

In an article published earlier this month in British medical journal *The Lancet*, Padwal and Majumdar raise questions about three anti-obesity drugs – orlistat, sibutramine and rimonabant – marketed under the names Xenical, Meridia and Acomplia.

Xenical was approved by Health Canada in 1999 and Meridia in 2000. Acomplia is currently available only in Europe, but is under consideration for approval in the United States.

All three drugs have been shown to cause “relatively modest weight loss,” but information is lacking on long-term benefits and risks, like obesity-related heart attacks, strokes and death, Padwal said.

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– Dr. Raj Padwal

“We really should determine whether the true benefit of these drugs outweighs their risks,” he said. “Patients need to understand the evidence that’s behind the approval of these drugs.”

Although most patients aren’t going to have in-depth knowledge of the prescription drugs in their medicine cabinets, anti-obesity drugs require special attention for a variety of reasons, said Padwal.

“The potential market for these drugs is huge,” he said, pointing out that more than 300 million people are considered obese, worldwide, and another 800 million are overweight. “When you compare it to other

conditions, there’s no other condition that affects almost two-thirds of the population.”

Another concern surrounding these medications is the length of time patients are expected to take them, said Padwal. “These are often taken for up to two years, or even longer. Some people have argued that patients should remain on the drugs indefinitely - that obesity, like diabetes, is a life-long condition.”

The cost of drugs like Xenical, Meridia and Acomplia are another factor. Patients often shell out more than \$120 per month to cover the prescription, said Padwal. “A lot of the people we see in our clinic are not that well off, but they’re desperate for a solution.”

That desperation also leads to great potential for abuse of these drugs. About 15 per cent of people taking anti-obesity drugs aren’t obese, or even overweight, said Padwal. “You also see people taking them inappropriately, doubling up on doses, anything they can do to see results.”

Padwal says he’s not taking a stand against these anti-obesity pills. He has prescribed them in some instances in his own practice. But the potential weight loss on

these medications tops out at about four kilograms and the study’s authors aren’t sure that’s enough of a potential benefit to outweigh the potential side effects and the cost.

“What we are saying is that if you are going to approve these agents that have potential to be used on such a widespread basis, you really have to be sure that you are doing more good than harm,” he said. “I would personally say that there should be some harder outcome data required for approval of anti-obesity drugs.”

Some long-term studies are underway, but results won’t be available for several years, Padwal said.

The three anti-obesity drugs work in different ways. Xenical reduces the absorption of dietary fat. Meridia, initially developed as an antidepressant, works in the brain to make the patient feel full. Acomplia blocks receptors in the brain that stimulate the motivation to eat.

All of the drugs have been linked to side effects, says Padwal. Xenical can cause gastrointestinal problems. Meridia has been associated with increases in blood pressure and pulse rate. Acomplia has been linked to an increase in mood-related disorders. ■

Fired up by pottery

Staffer an expert in ceramics

By Zoltan Varadi

They say one should never judge a book by its cover – and Nelda Hinds might agree.

Looking like a leftover prop from the first Exorcist movie, a battered ceramic demon lurks atop the gas kiln in the main floor sculpture studio in the University of Alberta Fine Arts Building – the only real concession, it seems, to the dark side in this otherwise peaceable kingdom of metal, wood and ceramic creations.

“It’s the kiln god,” said the sculpture program’s Technical Demonstrator John McGie of the idol meant to appease the forces within the fiery furnace. As anyone who has dabbled in pottery knows, the slightest flaw in your mould or fluctuation in temperature, among many other variables, can reduce your hard work into a pile of cracked shards.

“There’s any number of things that can go wrong in the process,” he said, adding that the potential headaches and heartaches inherent in any firing are part of the challenge. Using a computerized kiln that regulates temperatures with the punch of a button – as opposed to the gas where one controls the heat through the flow of oxygen by adjusting burners and dampers – just wouldn’t be as much fun.

“Every time you gain control you lose that element of chance,” he said.

Surveying a few of McGie’s own creations, like a trio of elegantly crafted, tastefully detailed ceramics at the other end of the sprawling work space, and it’s apparent that he’s a master of corralling the interaction of Earth, wind and fire. McGie attended the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary in the 1970s with the intent of studying commercial art, but became enamored with pottery in his first-year foundation courses.

“We had to do a little bit of everything – weaving and drawing and painting and sculpture and ceramics; we tried the ceramics, and I thought, ‘Hey I could like this.’”

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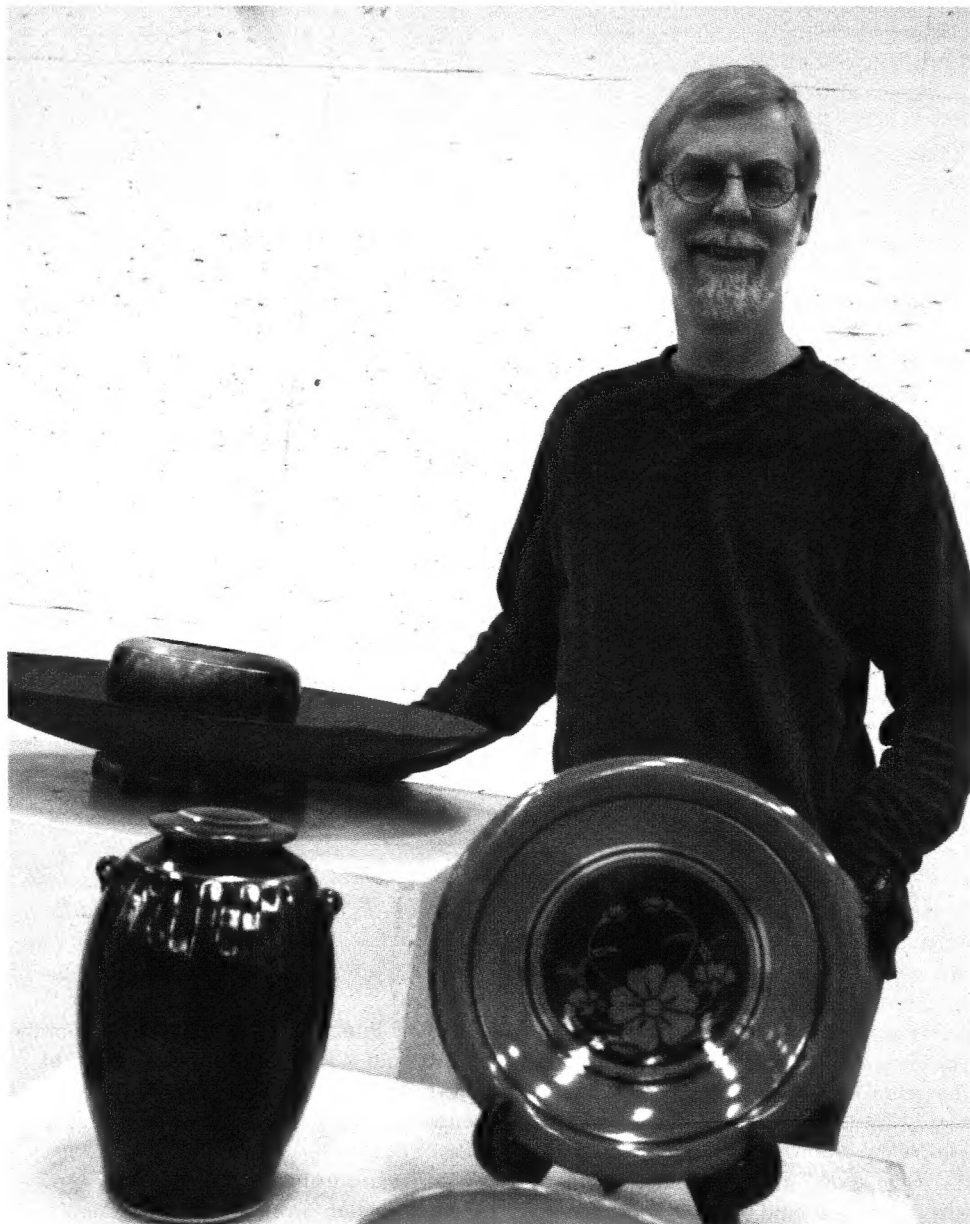
After graduating, McGie and his wife, also a potter, moved to the country in what he calls “the whole back-to-the-land hippie thing,” tending some livestock and participating in a pottery co-operative with which they sold their wares for 10 years. Then the U of A came calling, McGie explains, namely because he knew how to operate the gas kiln. That was 21 years ago.

“If you told me before I started here that I would be doing this, I would have said you are crazy, because my background’s not really in sculpture,” he said. “I learned a lot on the job, training [students], so now I deal with not only firing the kiln, but helping with the welding steel sculpture, wood sculpture [and] the figurative sculpture.”

Such duties have meant that he’s had to scale back on his own enterprises, but he’s not complaining (being an independent potter doesn’t come with dental plan, after all). Nevertheless, he maintains a kiln on his property in Sherwood Park.

“Since I’ve been working here full time, I actually worked a couple years without doing any pottery. My wife and I do about two sales a year with a group of other potters called High Level Potters – we do mostly functional ware, mugs and bowls and that sort of thing. Now I can do more individual pieces, one-of-a-kinds, and we get invited every once in a while to the shows here in the Fine Arts Building gallery for staff shows.”

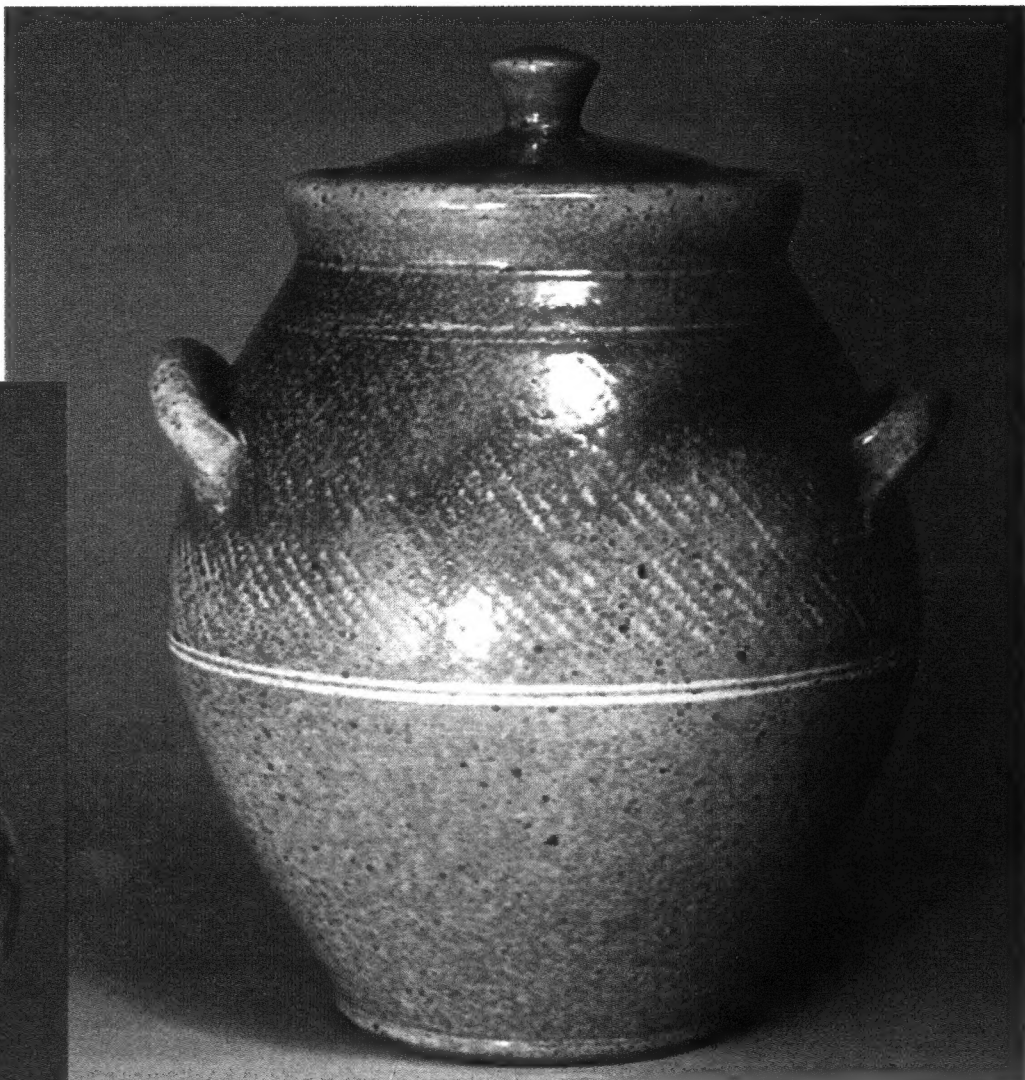
Since McGie’s workspace at the U of A is surrounded by abstract, conceptual art, he jokes that he feels like an “interloper” due to his artisan background. “But I keep the snobbery to a minimum.” ■



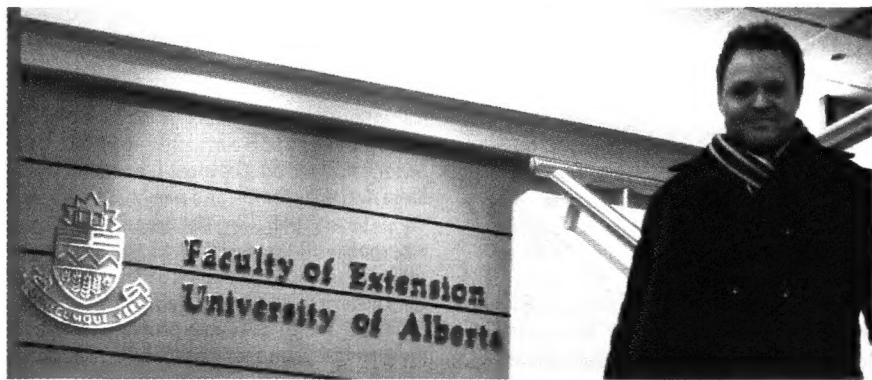
Potter John McGie and a few of his ceramic creations. McGie, a potter since the '70s, is an expert in coralling the interactions of Earth, wind and fire.



McGie uses a gas kiln as opposed to a computerized kiln to ensure the element of chance. Complete control, he says, is just not as fun.



Enterprise Square update



Instructor Bryan Frantz in the Faculty of Extension building on the U of A main campus. Frantz is looking forward to teaching promotional writing courses in the faculty's future home, Enterprise Square.

Spotlight on: The Faculty of Extension

By Caitlin Crawshaw

Since its creation in 1912, the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension has worked to make the university accessible to all.

The faculty will continue to realize this mandate as it moves into the U of A's Enterprise Square downtown later this year. For many students, the faculty will be just steps from their place of work, making professional and personal development courses even more accessible.

"It's a convenient location, since there a lot of people downtown. I think we'll find a wider audience for some of our programs, and maybe develop new programs," said Faculty of Extension Interim Dean Bill Connor.

He added that the faculty's new location downtown will also facilitate partnerships with other post-secondary institutions.

Bryan Frantz, a long-time Faculty of Extension instructor, believes the "U of A has taken a big step" towards the revitalization of downtown.

While some people will undoubtedly miss the old building, "change is a part of life," said Frantz. He's looking forward to better access to technology downtown, which will facilitate teaching of his promotional writing courses.

Other U of A tenants moving into Enterprise Square include: TEC Edmonton, Alumni Affairs, Development and Advancement Services. Non-university tenants include CHUM TV and the Edmonton Art Gallery, which will use Enterprise Square as a temporary home until 2010. ■



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Stovel a passionate teacher, broadcaster Musical tribute planned

Bruce Stovel, a retired University of Alberta English professor and broadcaster passed away suddenly Jan. 12 at the age of 65.

Bruce was a dedicated teacher, and was awarded the Students' Union Teaching Award, the Faculty of Arts Teaching Award, and the University of Alberta Rutherford Teaching Award. But his greatest impact was felt at a personal level. He was a beloved husband and father, teacher and colleague, musician and friend. Bruce was an enthusiastic presence on campus and on the local arts scene, and was a generous volunteer in academic, artistic, and humanitarian causes.

"The massive response to news of his death – including almost immediate phone calls to my office from former students, colleagues at other institutions, and so forth – is one indication of the real connection that Bruce made with others," said Garrett Epp, Chair of the Department of English and Film Studies. "He was not merely a fine scholar, in the best, most well-rounded sense of that term, but a true colleague and friend."

Bruce loved blues music as much as literature. Following his early career as a journalist reporting for *The Montreal Star* and *Canadian Press* in the early 1960s in Montreal, he wrote a Blues column titled *Long-Distance Call*, and reported on the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, the Edmonton Bluesfest, and the Chicago Bluesfest. In Edmonton, he volunteered at the Yardbird Suite, where he organized Blues events. Beginning in the mid-1990s, he co-hosted with his son Grant *Calling All Blues*, a weekly blues program on CJSR, as well as contributing to CKUA.

Bruce was born February 21, 1941, in Montreal, to Samuel Rodger Stovel and Elizabeth Robb Stovel. After graduating as Gold Medalist with his BA in Honours

English at Sir George Williams University in Montreal in 1964, his MA in Honours English at the University of Cambridge in 1966, and his PhD *Magna Cum Laude* in English at Harvard University in 1971, Bruce was Assistant Professor at Yale University 1970-75, Associate Professor at Dalhousie University 1975-85, where he served as Department Chair, and Professor of English at the University of Alberta, where he twice served as Associate Chair, and chaired or served on numerous committees. He retired on June 30, 2006, as Professor Emeritus of English and Film Studies, to become, in his own words, a patron of the arts.

His special area was literature of the 18th century, particularly fiction and comedy. He co-edited two collections of essays on Austen and contributed to *The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen*. He co-founded the Edmonton chapter of the Jane Austen Society, co-hosted a Jane Austen Society of North America Annual General Meeting at the Chateau Lake Louise in 1993. Bruce will be missed and deeply mourned by his loving wife of 42 years, Nora Foster Stovel, his son Grant Foster Stovel, and his daughter Laura Elizabeth Stovel and son-in-law Rod Girard, as well as his brother Robb Stovel and his sister Margaret Surridge and their families.

A celebration of Bruce's life was held at the University of Alberta Faculty Club Jan. 18. A musical tribute to Bruce will be held at the Yardbird Suite at 11 Tommy Banks Way from 7 – 10 p.m. Jan. 28. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a scholarship in his memory. If you do wish to do so, please contact Elisabeth Whitlock at the Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta, at 492-9473. ■

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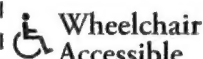
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The Alcuin Awards for Excellence on Book Design in Canada: 2006

The Alcuin Society's two main goals are to promote a wider appreciation of books and reading and to support excellence in book design and production. To this end, it offers prestigious awards for excellence in Canadian book design and sponsors the only national competition that recognizes and celebrates fine book design in Canada. Publishers from coast to coast submit books and a panel of three judges, from different areas of Canada, devote two days to the exacting task of examining all the entries and choosing the winners in each of the eight categories. There will be an opening reception for this exhibit on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, from 7 - 10 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Room 1-1 Fine Arts Building Gallery

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swimming and self rescue skills or add to their existing swimming skills. The Swim for Life Program is accessible, flexible, success oriented and fun. L'il Swimmer, Swimmer and Adult swimmer can meet the needs of preschoolers to adults. Canadian Swim Patrol introduces more fitness and teaches lifesaving skills for fun and personal safety through Water Smart® behavior. The Bronze Awards teach emergency and rescue skills and provide the prerequisite training to become a lifeguard or instructor. Lifesaving Society programs - skills for life. L'il Swimmer The L'il Swimmer program is a preschool program can include children with their caregivers. <http://www.activityreg.ualberta.ca>

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Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross Course (includes CPR-C) The Bronze Awards Bronze Medallion Bronze Medallion opens the door to the world of aquatic leadership including life guarding and teaching. Swimmers develop lifesaving and leadership skills including good decision making. They improve their swimming efficiency and endurance over increased distances. Prerequisite: Bronze Star or age 13 by the end of the course. Bronze Cross Bronze Cross is the prerequisite for training as lifeguards and Lifesaving Instructors. Participants learn the differences between lifeguarding and lifesaving, the principles of emergency procedures and teamwork. Prerequisite: Bronze Medallion 1 - 4 p.m. West Pool Bleachers West Pool <http://www.activityreg.ualberta.ca>

JAN 20 2007

Pandas Volleyball Pandas vs. Simon Fraser. 6:30 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Bears Hockey Bears vs. Saskatchewan 7:30 p.m. Clare Drake Arena, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Bears Volleyball Bears vs. Calgary 8 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

JAN 21 2007

A Private Screening of Broken Trail The China Institute is proud to present a private screening of the Golden Globe nominated mini-series Broken Trail starring Academy Award winner Robert Duvall, Academy Award nominee Thomas Haden Church and Edmonton's own Olivia Cheng, who will be making a special guest appearance. Broken Trail is set in the waning days of the Wild West. Print Ritter (Duvall) and his estranged nephew Tom (Church) reunite to embark on an epic horse drive across the Midwest. Along the way, they encounter an abusive slave trader transporting a group of five Chinese women. After a violent twist of fate involving one of the girls, Ye Fung (Cheng), Print and Tom become the reluctant guardians of the girls. The resulting friendships that form within this strange surrogate family are a moving testament to the universal language of hope and humanity. All proceeds from the screening will be donated to the Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Program. Tickets - \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. Seating is limited 2 - 6 p.m. TELUS Centre Auditorium, TELUS Centre.

Visiting Artist Recital Visiting Artist Recital, Richard Raymond, piano. Works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Liszt, Frédéric Chopin and Julius Reubke. 3 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall. <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

Johann Strauss Foundation Scholarship Auditions Scholarship auditions open to public. More about the Johann Strauss Foundation at www.johannstrauss.ca. 5 p.m. 1-29 Fine Arts Building Fine Arts Centre <http://www.johannstrauss.ca>

JAN 20 - 26, 2007

Distinguished Visitor Judith Halberstam Dr. Halberstam, Professor of English and Director of the Center for Feminist Research at the University of Southern California, is a ground-breaking scholar in transgender studies and leading spokesperson for the transnational transgendered community. Her scholarship encompasses a broad range of interdisciplinary interests, including Queer Theory, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Genre Studies (particularly studies in the Gothic), Postmodern Culture and Subculture, Visual Culture, and film and video studies. Lectures and Seminars: Monday, Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m., HCL-3,

"Notes on Failure," reception to Follow; Tuesday, Jan.23, 3:30 p.m., Senate Chamber, Arts Building Seminar, "Theories of the Dominant vs.

Theories of Alternatives.” Wednesday, Jan. 24, 3:30 p.m., HCL-3 Lecture: “Transbiology: Penguin Love, Doll Sex and the Spectacle of the Non-Reproductive Body?” Thursday, Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m., HCL-1 Keynote Talk, “Queer Covers: The Politics of Inauthenticity.” Part of U of A Inside/OUT: an interdisciplinary series. Friday, Jan. 26, 3:30 pm, HCL-1 Seminar: “The Anti-Social Turn in Queer Theory.” Reception to Follow. Humanities Centre. http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/arts/details.cfm?ID_event=9396

JAN 22 - APR 11 2007

Shallow Water Aquasize Mondays/ Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 9:55 p.m. and 12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. East Pool East Pool <http://www.activityreg.ualberta.ca>

Deep Water Aquasize 6:45 - 7:30 a.m. West Pool West Pool. <http://www.activityreg.ualberta.ca>

JAN 22 2007

A Hairy Matter: The Genetic Regulation of Trichome Development in Plants Ryan McKenzie, U of A Department of Biological Sciences, is presenting a seminar on “A Hairy Matter: The Genetic Regulation of Trichome Development in Plants.” 12 p.m. M-149, Biological Sciences Building Biological Sciences <http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/courses/bot600/>

Noon Hour Organ Recital Noon Hour Organ Recital. A variety of repertoire played by students, faculty and guests of the University of Alberta Department of Music.12 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

University Teaching Services Communication as Part of Professional Practice. Whether you need to present to your committee or give a lecture, there are some basic steps to communicating effectively. This session addresses topics from making the most of the room to dealing with nerves. Come learn some quick tips to communicating well. Presenter: Renee Polziehn, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research. 3 - 4 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

JAN 23 - 24 2007

Writing Research Proposals The Canadian Council on Learning presents a two-day workshop designed to help participants acquires strategies, tools and hands-on practice to develop competitive research proposals. The workshop will address key issues related to thinking about research, reading an RFA, developing ideas, plans and budgets, and crafting an outstanding proposal. The workshop facilitator, Dr. Dawn McArthur, is a zoologist and physiologist with 20 years of university research and teaching experience. McArthur has an extensive knowledge of the mandates of provincial, national and international funding agencies and an excellent record for funding success (~50% for SSHRC, CIHR, Killam, Canada Council, various provincial/national agencies; ~100% for NSERC, CRC, smaller CFI programs; ~40% for major CFI; as a specific example, over the past 6 CIHR competitions, researchers working with Dr McArthur have had a 49% success rate compared to the national rate of 24%). For the complete agenda, more information and the registration form, download the MS Word document linked below. Registrations will be accepted to Lynette via e-mail or fax until January 15. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. <http://www.rso.ualberta.ca/pdfs/2007-01-23CCLWorkshop.doc>

JAN 23 2007

Medical Genetics Clinician Scientist Candidate Seminar Dr. Renee Spaetgens, Department of Medical Genetics, Alberta Children’s Hospital, will present her talk, titled: “The Role of the Geneticist in Adult Congenital Heart Disease.” 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. 8-56 Medical Sciences <http://www.medicalgenetics.med.ualberta.ca>

Sarcopenic-Obesity in Aging and Cancer Visiting Speaker Seminar: Dr. Richard Baumgartner, Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Clinical Investigation Sciences, University of Louisville. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Classroom F WMC (2J4.02) University Hospital (Walter C Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre)

University Teaching Services Microteaching for the Instructional Skills Program. Microteaching sessions, offered through University Teaching Services (UTS), allow Instructional Skills (IS) Program participants to demonstrate their teaching skills to peers. Participants of the IS Program who have completed a minimum of 25 hours of workshops on teaching and learning are invited to give a 15-minute microteaching presentation on a topic of interest to and understandable by a diverse audience. Presentations must be structured (introduction, body, conclusion) and rehearsed to fit the 15-minute time slot. If you wish your presentation to be videotaped, please bring a blank VHS tape. Two microteaching sessions are required for successful completion of the IS Program. Please register in advance to reserve your place. The IS Program requires five participants per microteaching session. 1 - 3 p.m. CAB 215 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Panel Panel on Integration of public health with primary health care. Discussants: Dr. John Frank, CIHR; Dr. Jane Drummond, U of A; Marianne Stewart, Capital Health; Sylvia A. Wilson, Alberta Health & Wellness. 3 - 4:30 p.m. WMC Classroom D 2F1, University Hospital (Walter C Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre).

Anne McLellan, P.C. “Borders and Boundaries” lecture Institute for United States Policy Studies Distinguished Scholar in Residence and former Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan will deliver a lecture called “Borders and Boundaries in the North American context.” The lecture focuses on Canada-U.S. relations regarding national security, anti-terrorism and border control. 3:30 - 5 p.m. 5-04 Business <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/iusps/events.cfm>

Piano Masterclass Piano Masterclass. Visiting Artist Richard Raymond. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

University Teaching Services Educational Social Software. This session explores the concept, exemplary applications, and toolsets available as “social software” and how these can be used to enhance the teaching and learning experience. Some of the tools to be considered are Blogs, RSS, Wikis, E-Portfolios, and learning environments such as Elgg and Barnraiser. Whether you teach face-to-face, face-to-face with online components, or completely online, this session has something that should tweak your interest and spark a need. Presenter: Michael Hotrum, Faculty of Extension. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Tim Caulfield, “Patenting Life: Defining the boundaries of ‘ownership’ in biomedical research” Tim Caulfield, Canada Research Chair in Health Law & Policy, Research Director - Health Law Institute, Professor – U of A Faculty of Law. Caulfield’s research focuses on two general areas: biotechnology, ethics and the law: and the legal implications of health care reform in Canada. This lecture is part of the Lecture Series associated with the Louis D Hyndman Sr. Awards. All staff and students are welcome to attend. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Lecture Hall One Tory Breezeway [http://www.ualberta.ca/reo/](http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/reo/)

Welcome to the Reel World - Their Brothers Keepers: Orphaned by AIDS Millions of children in Africa have lost their parents to AIDS. Filmed over a seven-month period, ‘Their Brothers’ Keepers’ goes inside Chazanga Compound, a shantytown in Lusaka, Zambia. The crew focuses on two families headed by children, and their ongoing struggle for food, water, schooling and health care. Local community and aid workers offer support but lack any real resources. Throughout the film, excerpts from speeches by Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, fill in the broader social context. Stunning photography and an exquisite musical score contrast sharply with the surreal lives of these heroic children. This is a documentary about children determined to survive; they are the future of Africa. This film asks how much longer the international community will stand by and powerfully conveys the sense of hope grounded in the human spirit to survive. 5 p.m. 325 CEB http://www.international.ualberta.ca/globaled_events.php?id=201

JAN 24 2007

Establishing a Research Agenda for Women’s Health The U of A research community is invited to participate in the Women and Children’s Health Research Institute (WCHRI)’s workshop focused on Women’s Health Research. Topics will include ongoing research, planned research, and research of interest to the greater research community. The event is open to all relevant researchers, administrators, policy makers, and users of information in women’s health. The one-day session will comprise keynote speakers, group sessions, open dialogue incorporating active feedback, and presentations of ongoing research activities. The registrants will each be assigned to two breakout sessions based on their interests. For more information, a detailed agenda, or to register, please visit the website listed. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lister Centre <http://www.hilab.med.ualberta.ca/Workshops/Jan2007/info/workshops.htm>

Workshop with Dr. John Frank, CIHR Interdisciplinary and interagency workshop has two main goals: (1) To establish research priorities in primary health care, and (2) To build research teams. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wild Rose Room, Lister Centre Lister Centre <http://www.healthscience.ualberta.ca/>

Health Law Institute Seminar Series “The Dilemma of U.S. Medical Malpractice Law.” Professor Mark Grady, UCLA. 12 p.m. <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/hli>

Investigating the mechanism of endocrine action of beta-sitosterol in goldfish Dr. Rainie Sharpe, U of A Department of Biological Sciences, is presenting a seminar on “Investigating the mechanism of endocrine action of beta-sitosterol in goldfish.” 12 p.m. M-141, Biological Sciences Building Biological Sciences <http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/courses/biol642/index.php?Page=329>

Medical Genetics Seminar Dr. Charles Lee,

Director of Cytogenetics, Harvard Cancer Centre, Harvard Medical School, presents his talk, titled: “Development of a Copy Number Variation Map for the Human Genome.” 12 - 1 p.m. 2-07 Heritage Medical Research Centre <http://www.medicalgenetics.med.ualberta.ca>

Public Health Sciences Grand Rounds Dr. Don Voaklander, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences. “Farm Work Fatalities and Injuries to Older Farmers in Canada.” 12 - 1 p.m. 2-117 Clinical Sciences <http://www.phs.ualberta.ca/>

Technology Commercialization for Engineering This free lunchtime seminar will outline the processes and services to help researchers move inventions to the marketplace. Presenters will focus on issues such as patenting and publishing, and licensing and spin-off company creation. This event is exclusively for Faculty members, post docs, students and staff in the Faculty of Engineering at the U of A. The session – from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. – will explore issues relevant to the faculty, including: U of A intellectual property (IP) policy; funding available to help uncover commercializable products; assistance in preparing applications for funding of commercialization / prototypes (e.g. I2I, NSERC); free services such as technology evaluation, market research, technology marketing, licensing and spinoff company creation, business development, and financing. 12 - 1:30 p.m. ETLC E6-060 Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex (ETLC) <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/tecedmonton/>

Lunch & Learn: Fad Diets- why many fail Fad diets! Are they destined for success or doomed to fail? We always hear about new diets, but who are they designed for? Why don’t the results last? Join us as we debunk some of the myths surrounding fad diets and learn to make better food choices that will help us achieve a healthy lifestyle. These sessions are free for all UofA staff. Register online at www.learningshop.ualberta.ca 12:05 - 12:55 p.m. Heritage Lounge Athabasca Hall <http://www.learningshop.ualberta.ca>

WestGrid Seminar Series PARALLEL PROGRAMMING WITH OPENMP. Intro to parallel programming on WestGrid’s shared memory machines. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. 315 General Services Building <http://www.westgrid.ca>.

University Teaching Services Teaching Large Classes. Large classes present distinctive challenges around keeping things organized, engaging students, working with TAs, and understanding what students are learning and experiencing. The presenter will share his own sense of how to deal with these challenges, in dialogue with participants’ perspectives. Presenter: David Kahane, Department of Philosophy. 3 - 4:30 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

2007 Henry Marshall Tory Lecture The 2007 Henry Marshall Tory Lecture will be delivered by Ambassador David H. Wilkins , 21st United States Ambassador to Canada. Topic: “U.S.- Canada Relations.” 8 p.m. 150 TELUS Centre <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/friendsuofa/nav01.cfm?nav01=35467>

JAN 25 2007

University Teaching Services Filling the Space: Developing Your Voice and Public Speaking Skills. This workshop will explore techniques to help you gain confidence in communicating to large groups of people. We will examine the tools that are necessary for successfully engaging a large audience when speaking without amplification and also discuss techniques for speaking with a microphone. Exercises will be introduced to help you warm up and strengthen your voice and strategies will be offered to help you deal with performance anxiety. Presenter: David Ley, Department of Drama. 8 - 9:30 a.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Patrick’s Story AGAPE A Sex, Sexual, and Gender Differences in Education and Culture Focus Group in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta 2006/2007 Learning Over Lunch: Social Justice Video Series. Patrick’s Story: Patrick Bird was a casualty of colonialism, having walked a dark boyhood journey of sexual abuse, neglect, foster homes, detention centres, loss, abandonment, drugs, alcohol and self-mutilation. Through no fault of his own, Patrick was disconnected from his family, his childhood and his Cree culture and left with few resources to cope with the pain and powerlessness. Patrick’s Story explores what brought a young man to attempt suicide and what turned his life around. This story offers us all a message of inspiration and hope. Discussant: Dr. Makere Stewart-Hawawira, Ed. Policy Studies. AGAPE is a focus group set up to consider issues in relation to sex, sexual, and gender differences in education and culture. It is designed to meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, queer (LGBTQ) and allied undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. If you have a question about AGAPE or the Social Justice Video Series, please email Dr. André P. Grace at andre.grace@ualberta.ca or Kris Wells at kwells@ualberta.ca. Or contact the Agape Project Office at 492-0772 or visit us @ 5-181K in the Education North Building. 12 - 1 p.m. 7-

102 Education North Education Centre <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/education//pdfs/AGAPE2006-07Poster.pdf>

Population Health Promotion ~ Research Series Heather Deegan, MSc, RD, and Candace Nykiforuk, PhD, will present a seminar entitled, “Healthy Alberta Communities: A Community Capacity Building Project for Chronic Disease Prevention.” 12. - 1 p.m. http://www.chps.ualberta.ca/research_series.cfm

Technology Commercialization for Science Faculty This free lunchtime seminar will outline the processes and services to help researchers move inventions to the marketplace. Presenters will focus on issues such as patenting and publishing, and licensing and spin-off company creation. This event is exclusively for Faculty members, post docs, students and staff in the Faculty of Science at the U of A. The session will explore issues relevant to the faculty, including: U of A intellectual property (IP) policy; funding available to help uncover commercializable products; assistance in preparing applications for funding of commercialization / prototypes (e.g. I2I, NSERC); free services such as technology evaluation, market research, technology marketing, licensing and spin-off company creation, business development, and financing. 12. - 1:30 p.m. CW 410 Biological Sciences. <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/tecedmonton/>

Renewable Resources Seminar Series **Schedule** Bill deGroot, Canadian Forest Service, will present a seminar entitled “Modeling fire behavior and carbon emissions from Canadian wildland fires.” 12:30 - 2 p.m. Room 236 Earth Sciences Building Earth Sciences http://www.rr.ualberta.ca/What's%20Happening/Seminars_lectures/Index.asp?Page=Index

Dr. Uma Kothari, Disguising Race: The Sanitisation of Discourses of Development: Dr. Uma Kothari, Senior Lecturer in the Institute for Development Policy and Management at the University of Manchester. Abstract: This paper identifies some of the silences about race in international development that mask its complicity with broader historical and contemporary racial projects. Significantly, this concealment is founded upon the assumption that development takes place in non-racialized spaces and outside of racialized histories. The paper is concerned with how race is disguised and development discourses sanitized through the use of specialized terminology and criteria whereby race-neutral language continues to distinguish between the different capabilities, characteristics and attributes of Others. 3:30 p.m. 10-4 Tory Building, Henry Marshall http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polisci/SpeakersSeries_0607.cfm

Queer Covers: Big Mama Thornton, Lesbians on Ecstasy, and the Recycling of Political Culture Inside/OUT 2006/2007 Keynote Lecture Profiling LGBTQ-Related Work at the University of Alberta Queer Covers: Big Mama Thornton, Lesbians on Ecstasy, and the Recycling of Political Culture Presenter: Dr. Judith Halberstam, Professor, Department of English, and Director of the Centre for Feminist Research, University of Southern California. In this presentation I explore the meaning of the cover version in relation to two very different queer cultural performances. In the first example, I consider the life and career of the very masculine and very tough blues singer, Big Mama Thornton, and I look at the process by which Elvis Presley records a song first popularized by Big Mama Thornton, but turns it into a hit. While the history of Elvis has often been told as the history of cultural theft and in terms of the absorption of Black cultural influence into white cultural production, only rarely is this process described in terms of the straight absorption of queer cultural influence. Thornton, in her mode of dress, her affect, her phrasing and her bluesy performance can easily be categorized as queer, and her effect upon Elvis, his masculinity, his way of dancing, his singing, has yet to be assessed. In my second example, I turn to the Montreal-based Lesbians on Ecstasy (LOE), a band who have turned the cover version into a sensibility as well as a mode of politicization. Halberstam will be visiting the University of Alberta as a distinguished visitor from Monday, January 22, 2007 to Friday, January 26, 2007. For information on her other lectures, seminars, and events, please visit: http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/arts/details.cfm?ID_event=9396 Inside/OUT is a campus-based network for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-identified, queer (LGBTQ) and allied faculty, graduate students, academic, and support staff of the University of Alberta. For more information regarding Inside/OUT, please contact Kristopher Wells or Marjorie Wonham or visit <http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/inside-out> to join the confidential Inside/OUT listserv. 3:30 - 5 p.m. L-1 Humanities Centre http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/education/details.cfm?ID_event=8523

University Teaching Services Encouraging a Respectful Environment for Class Discussion. A constant challenge in teaching is the facilitation of class discussion. This is a particular issue in large seminars, and in classes where participation is a part of the student’s grade. This session will discuss strategies instructors can employ to create a safe atmosphere in which every student feels capable and secure in his or her abilities. Such an environ-

ment ensures that fruitful and respectful exchanges continue throughout the course, not just in response to the instructor, but in response to fellow students. Presenter: Philip Mingay, The King’s University College. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Arts Dialogue Rina Arseneault, Associate Director of the Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, University of New Brunswick, will give the second Arts Dialogue presentation for 2006/2007. She will consider the challenges faced by women from linguistic minorities to achieve social equality. Her presentation is entitled: ‘Towards Women’s Equity among Linguistic Minorities: the links of socio-economic inequity to poverty, education, violence and health an Acadian Case Study.” All are welcome. A reception will follow. 4 - 6 p.m.

JAN 26 2007

Molecular & Cellular Oncology Seminar Series - Dr. Peter Adams, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia; “Regulation of oncogene-induced senescence by Wnt-signaling: implications for tumor progression.”

Dr. Adams has a broad interest in cell cycle regulation, cellular signaling, heterochromatin formation and cellular senescence. 12 - 1 p.m. Zane Feldman Auditorium Cross Cancer Institute

Research on Aging: Nibble, Nosh and Network IV This discussion and poster session is an opportunity to meet faculty, students, and research staff interested in aging-related research, to discuss current activities, and to identify possible future collaborations. Please pre-register online by January 19, 2007. 1:30 - 4 p.m. Maple Leaf Room Lister Centre <http://www.aging.ualberta.ca/>

Bears Volleyball Bears vs. B.C. 2 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Pandas Basketball Pandas vs. Saskatchewan 6 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Pandas Hockey Pandas vs. Lethbridge. 7 p.m. Clare Drake Arena Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Bears Basketball Bears vs. Saskatchewan 8 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Music at Convocation Hall II Music at Convocation Hall II. Guillaume Tardif, violin. Roger Admiral, piano. Paganini 24 Caprices, Op 1 (arranged with piano by Gallois-Montbrun). 8 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

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Bears Volleyball Bears vs. B.C. 2 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Pandas Basketball Pandas vs. Saskatchewan 6 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Bears Basketball Bears vs. Saskatchewan 8 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

JAN 28 2007

Doctor of Music Recital Siu Ling Chiu, organist/conductor Candidate for the Doctor of Music in Performance (Organ)and Choral Conducting Works by JS Bach, Bolcom, Max Reger with the U of A Recital Choir Works by Haydn, Brahms, Cabena, and Yeung, Pak Lung. 8 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uaofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

JAN 29 2007

University Teaching Services A Peer Consultation Unpacked. Do you wonder about your students’ opinions of the teaching and learning that occurs in your courses? You can get valuable information about this key feature and answer other questions about teaching and learning by engaging in the peer consultation process. Come and discuss the process with two experienced peer consultants, hear about the student response to peer consultation, examples of issues that have been addressed through colleagues’ use of this University Teaching Services service, and how engaging in peer consultation might enhance your teaching and learning situations. Presenters: Bob de Frece, Elementary Education Helen Madill, Centre for Health Promotion Studies. 3 - 4:30 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

JAN 30 2007

“Protein Turnover in Human Tissues: Influence of Nutrition, Injury and Disease”

Visiting Speaker Seminar: Dr. Peter J. Garlick, Professor, Dept of Animal Sciences, University of Illinois. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Classroom F (2J4.02) University Hospital (Walter C Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre).

University Teaching Services Multiple Choice, Not Multiple Guess. Increasing class sizes often makes the use of machine-scored examinations a part of our evaluation process. Although multiple-choice questions appear easy to set, sometimes they only reinforce surface learning. In this workshop we discuss approaches to writing multiple-choice questions that improve the reliability of the examination and concurrently steer students towards studying the material from the perspective of understanding and application rather than memorization. Presenter: Dwight Harley, Studies in Medical Education. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Water and human security: A thirst for survival Come and join a discussion on what the future holds in terms of access to water for people in our communities and across the planet. For the University of Alberta’s International Week 2007, the Office of the Senate is proud to sponsor the Tuesday evening keynote address. Panelists will share their personal experiences and perspectives regarding water and human security. Room E1-001, Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex, 7:30- 9:30 p.m. www.international.ualberta.ca/iweek.

JAN 31 2007

Discovery of novel voltage-gated potassium channel blockers Rheanna Sand, U of A Department of Biological Sciences, is presenting a seminar entitled, “Discovery of novel voltage-gated potassium channel blockers.” 12 p.m. M-141, Biological Sciences Building <http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/courses/biol642/index.php?Page=4962>

Public Health Sciences Grand Rounds Dr. Arto Ohinmaa, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences. Topic: Review of Effectiveness and Utilization of Tele Mental Health. 12 - 1 p.m. 2-117 Clinical Sciences <http://www.phs.ualberta.ca/>

Lunch & Learn: Financial Fundamentals Feeling overwhelmed by bills, budgeting and making decisions? Managing your financial health doesn’t need to be difficult. Join us we learn how to take control of daily finances, save for the unexpected and build our credit ratings. These sessions are free for all U of A staff. Register online at www.learningshop.ualberta.ca 12:05 - 12:55 p.m. Heritage Lounge Athabasca Hall <http://www.learningshop.ualberta.ca>

University Teaching Services Graduate Students and Supervisors. The student-supervisor relationship can make or break a graduate student’s academic career. What can graduate students do to improve their relationship with their supervisors? What can supervisors do to improve their relationship with their graduate students? Videotaped vignettes will be used to stimulate discussion on the expectations, responsibilities, and rights of graduate students. Presenter: Chris Hackett, Graduate Students’ Association. 3 - 4:30 p.m. Aberhart Centre <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

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Summer Job Fair The Summer Job Fair is an opportunity for students to gain valuable experience for the future and meet with employers who are hiring students for summer work. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. <http://www.ualberta.ca/caps>

Health Law Institute Seminar Series “Issues in the Ethics and Regulation of Nutrigenomics.” Professor David Castle, University of Ottawa. 12 p.m. <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/hli>

Renewable Resources Seminar Series Schedule Dr. Thomas Dean, Louisiana State University, will present a seminar entitled, “Analysis of the growth of young pine trees within the context of hierarchy theory.” 12:30 - 2 p.m. Room 236 Earth Sciences Building http://www.rr.ualberta.ca/What's%20Happening/Seminars_lectures/Index.asp?Page=Index

University Teaching Services Tired of Marking Papers? Untraditional assignments in the Humanities and Social Sciences. This session presents some alternatives to the traditional paper that have been classroom tested in History and in Religious Studies. The presenter has, for example, had students make CDs, review websites, offer presentations in large lecture classes, critique encyclopedic articles, and collect information around the city. Almost all of these assignments, moreover, fed back into the course in a way that the traditional paper could not. The presenter will explain how these assignments were set up, what worked well, what was achieved, and what problems arose. Presenter: John-Paul Himka, History and Classics 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Alumni Book Club Join fellow alumni for stimulating and friendly discussion in the Spring Alumni Book Club. Paths Apart: Being Human Differently. Everyone of us is different, sharing the human experience but realizing it differently. Through three engaging works of fiction we will explore what it is like to be human differently. A Wild Ride Up the Cupboard by Ann Bauer, Mallory by Margaret Gunning, Deafening by Frances Itani,

’74 BA. Choice of Thursday evening or Friday afternoon meetings, see our website for further details. 7 - 9 p.m. <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/alumni-education/nav01.cfm?nav01=14317>

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Health Law Institute Seminar Series “Issues in the Ethics and Regulation of Nutrigenomics.” Professor David Castle, Canada Research Chair in Science and Society University of Ottawa 12 - 1 p.m. 231 Law Centre <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/hli>

Alumni Book Club Join fellow alumni for stimulating and friendly discussion in the Spring Alumni Book Club. Paths Apart: Being Human Differently Everyone of us is different, sharing the human experience but realizing it differently. Through three engaging works of fiction we will explore what it is like to be human differently. A Wild Ride Up the Cupboard by Ann Bauer Mallory by Margaret Gunning Deafening by Frances Itani, ’74 BA Choice of Thursday evening or Friday afternoon meetings, see our website for further details. 1 - 3 p.m.

Pandas Basketball Pandas vs. B.C. 6 p.m. Main Gym Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

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Kilburn Memorial Concert at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music Kilburn Memorial Concert at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music. Visiting Artist Paul Jacobs, organ. Virtuoso organ music on the Davis Concert Organ by Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Franck, Max Reger, Olivier Messiaen and Julius Reubke. 8 p.m. <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

FEB 3 2007

Organ Masterclass Organ Masterclass Visiting Artist Paul Jacobs 10:30 a.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.ualberta.ca/music>

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FEB 4 2007

University Symphony Orchestra University Symphony Orchestra Tanya Prochazka, conductor. 8 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

FEB 5 2007

Music at Noon, Convocation Hall Student Recital Series Music at Noon, Convocation Hall Student Recital Series Featuring students from the U of A Department of Music. 12 p.m. Arts and Convocation Hall <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

University Teaching Services Unexpected Passageways: Research Through Community-Service Learning. Community service-learning (CSL) has significant potential to enhance the learning of academic subject matter, and the understanding of and engagement in social citizenship. But more than this, it is an avenue to teaching research and to building research programs in meaningful ways. Drawing on specific examples from experiences in CSL courses, a panel of instructors and students will address both the possibilities and limitations of service-learning as a tool for integrating research, teaching, and learning. Facilitator: Sara Dorow, Sociology. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Lecture “György Ligeti’s Piano Etudes - A Performer’s Analysis” “György Ligeti’s Piano Etudes - A Performer’s Analysis.” Visiting Artist, Corey Hamm. 4 p.m. Studio 27, Fine Arts Centre <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/music/briefs.cfm>

FEB 6 2007

University Teaching Services 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Welcome to the Reel World - A Village of Widows The world’s first uranium mine was located on Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories. Many aboriginal men worked for the mine, transporting uranium ore in gunnysacks on their backs. The men and their families were not warned about the hazardous nature of these ores and tailings. Most of the men who worked as labourers have died of some form of cancer, their widows were left to raise their families alone. This village of young

men are the first generation in the history of Dene to grow up without guidance from their grandfathers, fathers and uncles. The cultural, economic, spiritual and emotional impact of the mine on the community poses a threat to the survival of the one and only tribe on Great Bear Lake. 5 p.m. 325 CEB http://www.international.ualberta.ca/globaled_events.php?id=201

FEB 7 2007

Public Health Sciences Grand Rounds
Guest Speaker: Dr Jane Drummond, Vice Provost, Health Sciences Council will present a seminar entitled, What is the Best Approach to Integrate Services for Low-Income Families with Children 12 - 1 p.m. Room 2-117 Clinical Sciences <http://www.phs.ualberta.ca/>

WestGrid Seminar Series PARALLEL PROGRAMMING WITH MPI — Intro to the basics of programming with MPI with a focus on programming in Fortran and C. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. 315 General Services Building <http://www.westgrid.ca>

University Teaching Services Enhancing the Learning Environment by Embracing the Integration of Teaching and Research. Over the past four years Dr. Robinson has changed dramatically how he teaches his introductory animal science class. He did not throw out lectures and labs, rather he introduced projects that build on class material and take students out of the classroom to deliver public forums about answers to scientific questions. Come learn about an exciting approach to involving undergraduate students in research. Presenter: Frank Robinson, Food & Nutritional Science. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

FEB 8 2007

Dr. Meenal Shrivastava “Economy of Africa-India Relations: Remaking of a South-South Alliance” Dr. Meenal Shrivastava, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Global Studies and Political Economy, Athabasca University. “Economy of Africa-India Relations: Remaking of a South-South Alliance.” For more info, contact Dr. Malinda Smith, email: Malinda.smith@ualberta.ca, 780.492.5380 / Nisha Nath, email:nnath@ualberta.ca; Department, 780.492.3429. Web: http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polisci/SpeakersSeries_0607.cfm Concluded sessions are now available on the Department web site in podcasting and video-streaming formats, thanks to the support of the Arts Resource Centre and Academic Information and Communications Technology. : 3:30 p.m. 1-91 Tory Building, Henry Marshall http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/polisci/SpeakersSeries_0607.cfm

University Teaching Services Research Opportunity Program in Science: Bringing Research Experience Into a Student’s Second-Year Program. The ultimate active learning experience in science is participating in research. Two years ago, the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences instituted a Research Opportunity Program for second-year students, providing second-year students with an introduction to research in labs throughout these departments. Preliminary results and student feedback will be presented for this initiative. Presenter: Glen Loppnow, Chemistry. 3:30 - 5 p.m. CAB 243 Central Academic Building <http://www.ualberta.ca/UTS/>

Edmonton and Area Alumni and Friends Reception for Civil, Environmental, Mining and Petroleum Engineers Join other Edmonton-area University of Alberta Engineering alumni and friends of the Faculty. Dr. David Lynch, Dean of Engineering, looks forward to meeting you and sharing the Faculty’s recent successes and plans for future development. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Solarium Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex (ETLC)

A Global Comparison of Deaf Education Presenters: Dr. David Mason, Linda Cundy, Daphne Eng Foong Mei. Mason and Cundy will discuss their observations of the educational systems for Deaf and hard of hearing in El Salvador and Colombia based on their travel experiences. Mei will discuss her experiences as a deaf student in Malaysia. The objective of their presentations is to provide an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into the similarities and differences between the education systems. A Question-Answer session will follow the conclusion of the presentations. 7 - 9 p.m. 2- 115 Education North Education Centre

FEB 9 2007

Bears Volleyball Bears vs. Trinity Western. 6:30 p.m. Main Gym, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

Bears Hockey Bears vs. Calgary 7:30 p.m. Clare Drake Arena, Physical Education and Recreation Centre, Van Vliet. www.cubsclub.ualberta.ca

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DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLINICAL TRACK TEACHING APPOINTMENT

Applications are invited for a full-time academic position at the University of Alberta, Department of Occupational Therapy.

The program is among the top occupational therapy schools in Canada and the Department of Occupational Therapy is poised for continued growth. Newly allocated funding has resulted in increased enrolment and expansion in program delivery methods. As part of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, the Department offers an entry-to-practice degree in Occupational Therapy and participates fully in an interdisciplinary MSc (thesis) and PhD degree programs in Rehabilitation Science. The Department currently consists of nineteen full-time faculty members.

Candidates must be an occupational therapist, eligible to register with the Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, with a minimum of a master's degree in any field. This clinical position will support entry-to-practice and graduate teaching in one or more of the following areas: mental health, return to work (vocational rehabilitation) and/or pediatrics. Indicators of teaching proficiency are therefore required and knowledge of curriculum development is an asset. The appointment is for a minimum of three years at the Assistant Professor level. Salary will be commensurate with experience. For details about the position or the Occupational Therapy Department, please contact Dr. V. Hollis: vivien.hollis@ualberta.ca; phone: 780 492 0399

Qualified applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching, and any related research interests along with the names of three (3) referees to:

Dr. Albert Cook, Dean
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Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR OF CLINICAL EDUCATION FACULTY OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Applications are invited for a full-time clinical track contract position in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Alberta. The position is available as early as April 1.

As a department in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, Physical Therapy offers an innovative course based MScPT program that integrates strong clinical and evidence based practice skills. The department also participates fully in the interdisciplinary MSc and PhD programs in Rehabilitation Science. The department currently consists of sixteen full-time faculty members.

This Assistant Professor position is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the clinical education program. This includes development of placement sites, liaising with clinical supervisors and advising students as required. This position may also involve some entry level teaching in the MScPT program. Applicants must possess a minimum of a Master's degree and be eligible for licensure with the College of Physical Therapists of Alberta. Knowledge of clinical education/supervision is an asset. This is a 3-year renewable appointment. The initial appointment is at the Assistant Professor level and salary will be commensurate with experience.

For further details about the position or the department contact Dr. R.G. Haennel (chair) at Bob.Haennel@ualberta.ca or phone (780) 492-2889. Website: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/rehabmed/PhysicalTherapy.cfm>

Qualified applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of clinical education and teaching interests, and the names of three (3) referees to:

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Applications will be reviewed as they are received and will continue until the position is filled.

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2007-2008 KILLAM ANNUAL PROFESSORSHIPS

Applications for the 2007-2008 Killam Annual Professorships are now available. All regular, continuing, full-time academic faculty members who are not on leave during 2007-2008 are eligible to apply. Deans, department chairs and other senior university administrators with personnel responsibilities shall not normally be eligible for Killam Annual Professorships. Associate deans and associate department chairs are eligible providing they do not have personnel responsibilities. Up to eight Killam Annual Professors will be selected by a subcommittee of the Killam Trusts Committee; no more than two professorships shall be awarded to staff members in any one faculty in any given year. Each Killam Annual Professor shall be presented with a \$3,500 prize and a commemorative plaque. The duties of Killam Annual Professors shall not be changed from those that they regularly perform as academic staff members.

The primary criterion for selection shall be a record of outstanding scholarship and teaching over three or more years as evidenced by any or all of research publications, creative activities, presented papers, supervision of graduate students, and courses taught. The secondary criterion shall be a record of substantial contributions to the community outside the university, above and beyond what is usually expected of a professor, as evidenced by community involvement normally directly linked to the applicant's university responsibilities and activities. However, other forms of community involvement will be considered, especially, but not exclusively, where the applicant's discipline does not readily lend itself to making community contributions, and also where the university's reputation is clearly enhanced by the applicant's contributions.

Awards are tenable for twelve months commencing July 1. The completed application must be received at the Office of the Vice-President (Research), 3-7 University Hall, by 4:30 p.m., Friday Feb. 23. The awardees shall be announced by early May, and they will be formally recognized at the Killam Luncheon in October.

Applications and further details are available on the home page of the Vice-President (Research) at: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/vpresearch/>
Please contact Annette Kujda, Administrative Officer, Office of the Vice-President (Research) at extension 28342 or email: annette.kujda@ualberta.ca if you have any questions.

THE EDMONTON AGING SYMPOSIUM – DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

A thought provoking two days that involves presentations which examine the economic and ethical justifications for the development of technologies capable of extending the human lifespan as well as evidence provided by top researchers in the fields of stem cells, tissue engineering, cancer therapies, neurodegeneration and others, that demonstrates these technologies are possible and under development. Poster submissions accepted until March 15, symposium held March 30-31. Cash prizes for best posters in biomedical and social sciences.

Intended audiences: policy-makers, health care professionals, researchers, and educated laymen. Cost: \$95 for students and \$140 for academics. Includes breakfast and lunch.

Sponsored by the University of Alberta, City of Edmonton and The Methuselah Foundation. Location: Bernard Snell Hall, University of Alberta Hospital, 112 Street and 87 Avenue.

Contact Kevin Perrott, Department of Biochemistry at: 780-983-8383 (phone), 780-492-0886 (fax) or at kevin.perrott@edmontonagingsymposium.com. Web site: <http://www.edmontonagingsymposium.com>

AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE (CALL FOR NOMINATIONS)

Nominations are now being sought for the annual Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, WH Alexander Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the Teaching Unit Award. Complete information on the awards and the nomination process is available in

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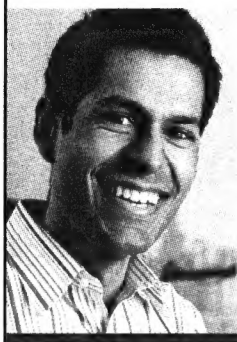
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SHAHEED MERANI

HEALTH RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) is pleased to announce that Shaheed Merani is the recipient of the 2006 Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship. The award honours Dr. Lionel McLeod, the founding president of AHFMR.

Mr. Merani is currently pursuing a joint M.D.-Ph.D. in the Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. He has received numerous awards and scholarships during

his academic career, from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Canadian Space Agency, McGill University, and the University of Alberta. Mr. Merani's research focuses on islet cell transplant for the treatment of select patients with type 1 diabetes. More knowledge in this area could result in improved outcomes and quality of life for such patients.

The Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship is given annually to an outstanding student at the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, or University of British Columbia for research related to human health.

Dr. McLeod was the Head of Endocrinology at the University of Alberta, Dean of Medicine at the University of Calgary, President of AHFMR from 1981-1990, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the University Hospital, Vancouver.

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the University of Alberta Policies and Procedures On-Line (UAPPOL) system, under the parent policy "Awards for Teaching Excellence."

Nominations are made by faculties that teach undergraduate students, and information about the nomination procedures and adjudication criteria has been sent to those faculties. Nominations should be made through a faculty committee and submitted by the faculty to the Secretary of GFC UTAC, 2-5 University Hall. Anyone needing assistance and advice in preparing nominations should contact Bobbi Schiestel, faculty awards facilitator, Academic Awards and Ceremonies Office (492-2644). The deadline for receipt of award nominations is Friday, Feb. 23 at 4:30 pm. In most cases, individual Faculties have established earlier deadlines to allow for internal adjudication procedures. https://www.conman.ualberta.ca/stellent/groups/public/@academic/documents/policy/pp_cmp_060320.hcsp

Call for Proposals - The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Annual Conference

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) invites you to submit proposals for workshops, presentations, and posters for its 27th Annual Conference next summer. The 2007 Conference will be held June 13-16 at the University of Alberta. The theme chosen for this exciting event is Evolving Scholarship which captures the current national focus and discussion around the scholarship of teaching and learning. For more information and to make your submission please visit the Conference website: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~uts/STLHE/> The deadline for submissions is Jan. 26.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FUND

The "International Partnership Fund" (IPF) was established to support University of Alberta faculty and staff participating in exchange activities with the university's many partner institutions around the world. The fund provides financial support to faculty and staff engaged in the development and/or implementation of activities that contribute to sustainable and reciprocal relations with international academic partners. Awards may be used for travel by either the U of A staff/faculty member to visit an international partner, or for the faculty or unit to support a visitor from the partner. The fund favors activities that develop projects bringing an international focus to the academic, research and teaching mandate, and contribute to the internationalization objectives of the faculty.

Support from the IPF will ideally complement multiple funding sources. Matching support from

the individual and/or the department/faculty and partner institution is required.

Note: The IPF only applies to those institutions with which the U of A has a formal agreement.

For guidelines, application forms and list of eligible partner institutions, please visit the University of Alberta International website: <http://www.international.ualberta.ca/intlpartners.php>

For more information please call 492-5840 or e-mail: ipf@international.ualberta.ca

Application deadline: Thursday, Feb. 1.

TEACHING LEARNING AND ENHANCEMENT FUND

In direct support of Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University and the learning discovery and citizenship cornerstones, the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund has been created to improve teaching and learning effectiveness.

The purpose of this fund is to enable all persons engaging in teaching at the university to improve their teaching skills, enhance their understanding of teaching and learning processes, and provide environments that increase student learning.

Guidelines and forms:

Terms of reference and application forms are available from the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) website at <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/provost/tlef.cfm>.

Information session:

An information session about the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, Room 3-15, University Hall. The funding criteria and application process will be reviewed at this session.

Application deadline:

The deadline for receipt of applications for "Projects or Research" is Feb. 15.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARDS

Nominations are now being sought for the annual Graduate Student Teaching Awards (GSTA). The GSTA are administered through University Teaching Services with the selection and nomination procedures occurring in each Faculty. Faculties have been invited to select outstanding graduate students as a teaching award recipients. The deadline for these nominations is Feb. 2.

The recipients will be recognized and celebrated at the Graduate Students' Association's Awards night on March 13, where they will receive a certificate and a letter signed by our President, Indira Samarasekera. Names of recipients will be published in University publications following the awards night.

For further information or eligibility and

adjudication criteria please contact Sarah Ross at University Teaching Services, sarah.ross@ualberta.ca

REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS

As you know, Dr. Daniel Woolf's first term as Dean of the Faculty of Arts will end on June 30, 2007; therefore, a Review Committee has been established in accordance with University regulations. Dr. Woolf has indicated that he intends to seek a second term in office.

At this point in its deliberations, the Review Committee is interested in your opinions about the state of the Faculty of Arts under the leadership of the current Dean. The Committee believes it is critical that all faculty, staff and students in the Faculty of Arts and other members of the community have the opportunity to convey their views to the Committee. All input must be signed; however, members of the community may ask the Provost to have their input circulated to the committee without attribution.

Specifically, the Committee is interested in the following:

1) Leadership – ability to provide a vision and direction for the Faculty of Arts and achieve the strategic goals of the Faculty;

2) Management – fairness, balance and effectiveness in decision-making affecting the direction of the Faculty of Arts; effectiveness at setting priorities and dealing with issues;

3) Personnel Management – issues dealing with the recruitment and retention of staff, as well as the administration of all personnel within the Faculty of Arts;

4) Contributions – the contributions of the Dean within the Faculty of Arts, the University, the Community (including alumni), and Professional Fields;

5) Development – the success of the Faculty in achieving its goals with resources available and the effectiveness of the Dean in seeking outside funding through fund development and advancement activities;

6) Communications – the effectiveness of both internal and external communications;

7) Other matters.

If you wish to respond to the above issues, would you please forward your comments/advice no later than

February 9, 2007 to my attention at the

address below:

Carl G Amrhein
Provost and Vice-President (Academic) &
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2-10 University Hall
Edmonton AB T6G 2J9 OR
E-Mail: provost@ualberta.ca

In addition, an open 'Public Forum' with the Dean will be scheduled in the near future. At the Forum, the Dean will discuss his vision of the Faculty of Arts for the next five years. Please watch for details.

Your views are important to us and I encourage you to share your thoughts with the committee. Should you prefer to submit your comments to another member of the Committee, please feel free to do so. Please contact any member of the Dean Review Committee or myself for additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Carl G Amrhein
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REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF LAW

As you know, Professor David Percy first term as Dean of the Faculty of Law will end on June 30, 2007; therefore, a Review Committee has been established in accordance with University regulations. Dean Percy has indicated that he intends to seek a second term in office.

At this point in its deliberations, the Review Committee is interested in your opinions about the state of the Faculty of Law under the leadership of the current Dean. The Committee believes it is critical that all faculty, staff and students in the Faculty of Law and other members of the community have the opportunity to convey their views to the Committee. All input must be signed; however, members of the community may ask the Provost to have their input circulated to the committee without attribution.

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Your views are important to us and I encourage you to share your thoughts with the committee. Should you prefer to submit your comments to another member of the Committee, please feel free to do so. Please contact any member of the Dean Review Committee or myself for additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Carl G Amrhein
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Perspectives on Diversity

Perspective #1: President Samarasekera

The University of Alberta is a highly diverse community of students and employees. It is a place where differing identities, values, and perspectives intersect. This intersection of diversity creates learning, working, and living environments that have the potential to be highly creative and fulfilling but also challenging and contentious. Exploring what is understood by the term diversity and, specifically, what the concept means to the University of Alberta is an important first step in considering how we should approach issues as they arise. This article is the first in a series that will highlight some of the many ways our community demonstrates its commitment to incorporating the concept of diversity into our day-to-day learning, working, and living environments. We begin with some members of senior administration whom we have asked to talk about their perspective on diversity and our university. Next we go to the many administrative and academic units on campus that are approaching diversity from a positive and empowering perspective. It will be informative to learn about how these units welcome the opportunity to explore new and innovative ways of working together as a community and thus support the four

cornerstones articulated in "Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University" (Talented People; Learning, Discovery, and Citizenship; Connecting Communities; and Transformative Organization and Support). In Perspective #1, we hear from President Samarasekera.

President Samarasekera on Diversity:



I am committed to championing our University as an institution of excellence in its learning, working, and living environments, and I believe diversity is a critical component of this objective. This may cause some members of our community to ask what, in concrete and practical terms, does this mean? Our first President, Henry Marshall Tory, said "I learned very early the life lesson that it is people, not buildings, that make up an

institution. And if we put our heart to it we can do something worthwhile." When I reflect upon these words, I turn to some of my experiences as a student, a faculty member, a senior administrator, and now as your President, for examples of diversity and its role in our quest for excellence. At times, our society does not readily value new ways and new ideas. People who pursue unique ideas or different world views have to work harder for every achievement because society tends to favour familiar and comfortable approaches to problems. This manner can also be seen at post-secondary institutions, as universities can be a bastion of tradition. Our University community is comprised of people from different cultural backgrounds and different schools of thought, bringing a variety of perspectives to the University of Alberta. What sometimes happens when the familiar and the different come into contact? At times, a wonderful synergy is created. Through our diverse community working together, the University of Alberta is

truly enriched by creativity and difference of perspective. Many times, this can be a crucial contributor to our ground-breaking discoveries that place us on the cutting edge of research. The practical and concrete advice that I want to share is to value, respect, and be inclusive of every member of our community. Each of us plays a vital role – no one's success is possible without the support of another. Let us continue to be inspired and see what is possible when diverse perspectives come together.

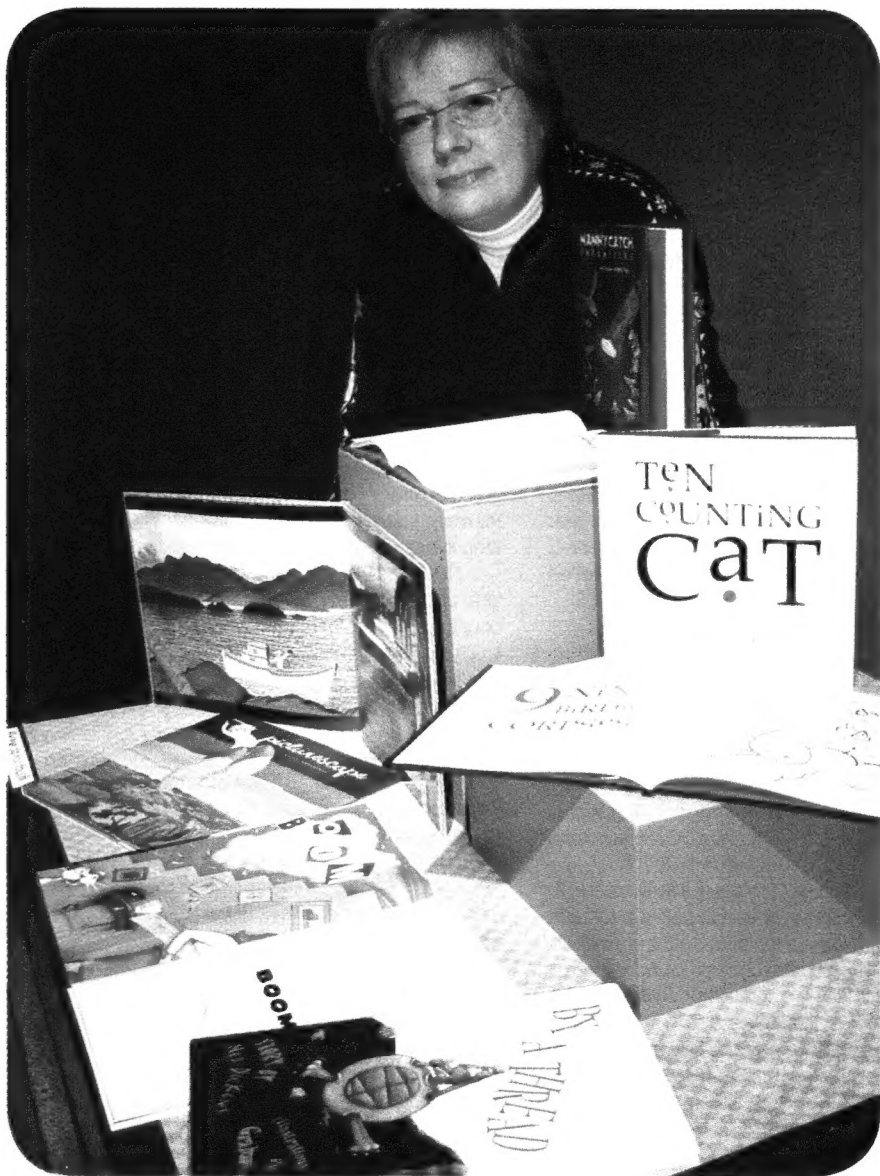
- Indira V. Samarasekera, O.C.

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Sue Colberg has curated an exhibit showcasing the latest winners of the Alcuin Society Awards for Excellence in Book Design in Canada. She won an Alcuin Citation for Excellence in Book design in 1996.

Judging a book by its cover

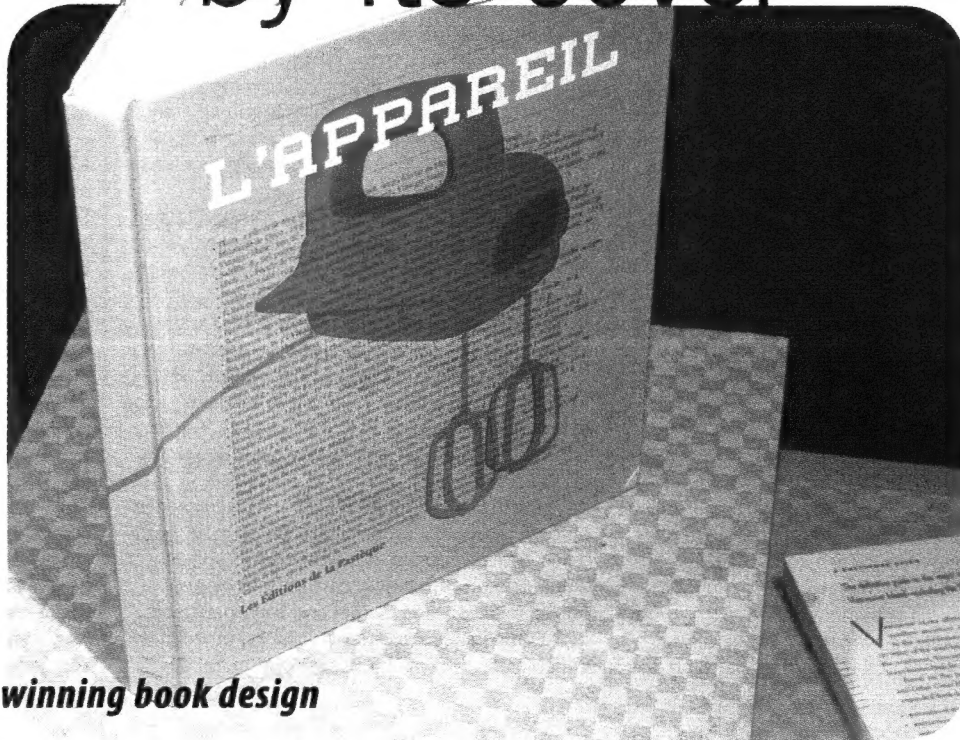


Exhibit showcases award-winning book design

By Caitlin Crawshaw

Flipping through the pages of a book, you may not notice the typeface, the pacing of the illustrations or the weight of the paper.

But the designer has paid attention to all of these details – and many more.

"In a way, it's almost like choreography in some cases, where you have to make decisions about how the text and illustrations are interspersed, and how they work together to create the best possible reading experience and convey the information to the viewer and reader," said Sue Colberg, a University of Alberta visual communications professor.

Colberg is the curator of an exhibit at the U of A FAB Gallery featuring the works of the 2005 recipients of the Alcuin Awards for Excellence in Book Design in Canada. A wide range of subject matter is represented by the books – children's poetry, Arctic wildlife, Cape Dorset sculpture, safety gear for small animals. While the design work varies greatly, all successfully employ key design tenets.

"You have to design a book so that, first of all, the reader is intrigued enough to pick up the book based on the cover design. And once handling the book and reading it or using it as a reference book, the design facilitates the reader's ability to use the book – makes it a comfortable reading experience, a good reading experience, or searching experience in the case of a reference book," said Colberg.

Design should be aesthetically beautiful, but should also suit the text. "The designer's

job is to enhance the communication between author and reader."

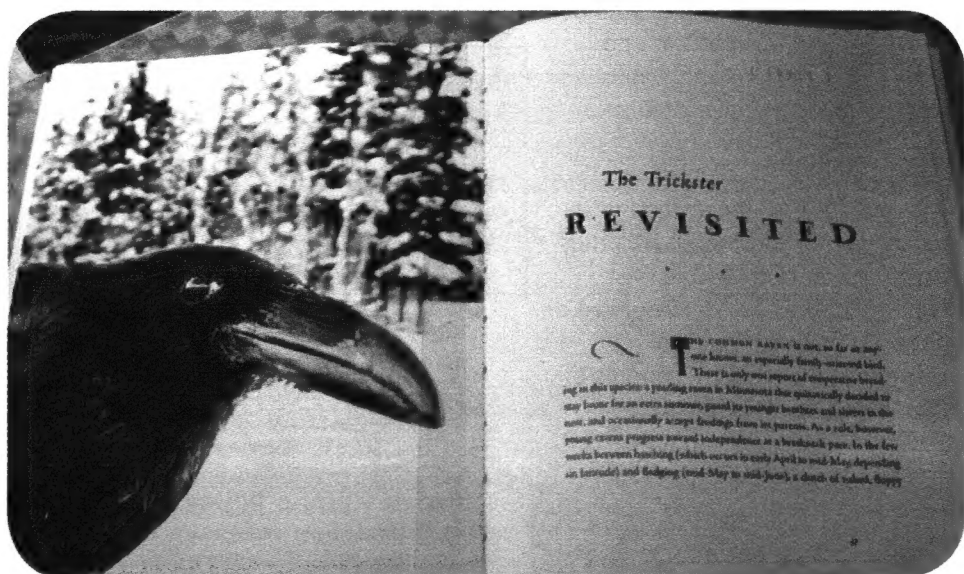
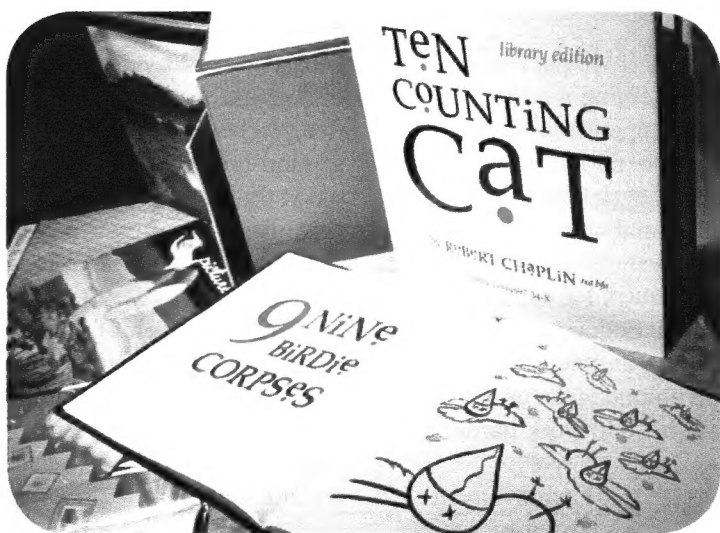
"Any designer worth their salt is conscious of the fact that they should represent the text accurately, so they should give the book a visual form that represents what the author intended in terms of tone and meaning," she said.

"The designer's job is to enhance the communication between author and reader."

– Sue Colberg

While we all appreciate beautiful things, like a beautiful book cover that may lead us to buy a novel, few understand the effort involved. Designers – particularly those in book design and typography – are "unsung heroes," Colberg said. For this reason, the Alcuin Awards are important for the field.

"Recognizing those people furthers the art of design and maybe through exhibitions such as this one, makes people more conscious of the fact that a great deal of energy, effort and creativity and talent goes into the making of a quality book." ■



(Top right) *L'Appareil*. Written by various authors, designed by Anouk Pennel and Raphaël Deaudelin. (Middle) *Ten Counting Cat*. Written and designed by Robert Chaplin. (Bottom) *Crows: Encounters with the Wise Guys of the Avian World*. Written by Candace Savage, designed by Jessica Sullivan.

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